



Earl McClain

March 5, 1921 - September 26, 2004

Earl William McClain, 83, Topeka, died Sunday, September 26, 2004 at the Topeka V.A. hospital. He was born in Camden Point, MO March 5, 1921 to Maude and Noble McClain. He was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

Mr. McClain was employed as a meat cutter and worked for several grocery stores in the Kansas City and Topeka areas until retirement. He served in the South Pacific with the First Calvary Division during World War II. He toured in five campaigns and was awarded a Bronze Star.

He married Patricia Porter in Kansas City, MO in 1947 and were married for 16 years, then divorced. He later married Ruth Delude in 1969. They were married for nine years until her death in 1978. He is survived by three children; Gweneth McClain, Topeka, Gail Reust and her husband Rick, Prescott, AZ and James McClain and his wife Wendy, Topeka. Earl is survived by five grandchildren; Russel Ridgeway, Chad Ridgeway, Jeff Ridgeway, Katie Clare McClain and Tanner McClain all of Topeka. Earl is also survived by two great-grandchildren; Ivan Ridgeway and Luka Goyena.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Topeka VA Hospital 2200 SW Gage Blvd, Topeka, Kansas 66622 in memory of Earl W. McClain.

Mr. McClain will lie-in-state at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., from 11:00 - 1:00 pm, Wednesday September 29, 2004 followed by funeral services at 1:00 pm. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Earl McClain*

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