



## Paul L. Hanson

January 15, 2015

Funeral Monday, January 19, 2015 10:00 am Bibb-Veach Funeral Home (Bowling Green) Visitation Sunday, January 18, 2015 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Bibb-Veach Funeral Home (Bowling Green) Video Tribute Paul L. Hanson, 93, of Bowling Green, died Thursday, January 15, 2015, in his home, surrounded by his family. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 19, at the Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green with Rev. Mike Lewton officiating. Burial will be at Concord Cemetery, rural Bowling Green with Military honors being performed by VFW Post 5553 and Missouri Military Honors. Visitation will be held Sunday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Paul was born August 2, 1921, in Farmer, the ninth born of ten children to Franklin Benjamin Hanson and Sadie Pearl Kimberlin Hanson. He married Wanda Francaleen Lovelace on August 31, 1946 and she survives. Also surviving are three daughters, Linda Paulette Hanson Frech (David) of Columbia, Connie Flo Hanson Malloy (Duane) of Atlanta, GA, Penny Diane Hanson Luebrecht (Gerald) of Bowling Green; four grandchildren, Amanda Sue Blackwell Seeley (Roger) of Elsberry, Joshua Paul Blackwell of Columbia, Brock Hanson Evans (Katie) of Atlanta, GA and Kitty Hanson Frech Coonley (Matt) of Fort Collins, CO. Also surviving are seven great grand-children Abigail Elise Jenkins, Amelia Grace Seeley, Melody Joy Evans, Monroe Victoria Evans, Taryn Eilise Coonley, Timothy David Coonley, Matilda Claire Coonley and one brother Donald Hanson from Laddonia. He is preceded in death by his siblings Shirley and Ancel in infancy and Lloyd, Victoria, Irene,

Stanley, Floy and Dorothy. Paul attended rural Vannoy Grade School and graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1939. Following High School, Paul served in the 843rd Engineer Aviation Battalion as a T-Sergeant in England, France, and Germany. He was part of the Invasion force, which landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy, France, in June of 1944. Paul was a lifelong patriot with the American flag flying proudly at his home. He was an active member of the VFW Post 5553 for many years. He and Wanda attended yearly army reunions throughout the United States. Paul and Wanda purchased property south of Curryville, which became their home for 50 years, naming it Hickory Hill Farm. Having grown up on the farm, he had a great love for the outdoors and quail hunting, in particular. As a result, Paul was an avid hunter throughout his life and was known for being a “crack shot”. His friends considered it a privilege to hunt with him and watch him work his dogs. He was a skilled dog trainer. In addition to his love of farming and the outdoors, Paul enjoyed neighborhood “pitch playing”, family gatherings, mushroom hunting, fishing and spending time with family. Paul and Wanda had years of enjoyment traveling and camping in their motor home with their children and grandchildren to Mark Twain Lake, across the United States and abroad. Paul’s wife and family will remember Paul with great love and laughter. They will remember his high energy, his strong work ethic, his fun-loving nature, his indomitable spirit, and his many sayings that reflected his “salt of the earth” thinking that got right to the point! They will remember that Paul was always the first to help anyone in need. They will remember his strength of character, loyalty, determination, and resilience. Their daughters remember life on the farm as being an idyllic existence with parents who had a wonderful marriage showing mutual love and respect each and every day. Paul and Wanda were loving, supportive partners, who stood by each other unflinchingly through the years. This love continued on stronger than ever in the past years with Wanda caring for Paul during his illnesses. Their love story lasted 68 years. Serving as pallbearers will be – David Frech, Duane Malloy, Gerald Luebrecht, Joshua Blackwell, Brock Evans and Billy Hall. Honorary

pallbearers – Donald Hanson, Matt Coonley, Roger Seeley, Tom Gregory and Max Hollander Memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice or Wounded Warriors c/o Bibb-Veach Funeral Home, 606 W. Main, Bowling Green, MO 63334