



## Francis Eugene Lauffer

October 11, 1920 - December 28, 2009

Francis Eugene "Gene" Lauffer, a resident of Winfield, Kansas and formerly of Moline, Kansas passed away Monday, December 28, 2009 at the Winfield Rest Haven Nursing Home. Gene was born on October 11, 1920 in Piedmont, Kansas the son of Frederick Francis and Gertrude (Powers) Lauffer.

On June 18, 1942 Gene was united in marriage to Mary Lodean Miller in El Dorado, Kansas. During World War II, Gene served in the United States Army earning the rank of Corporal. After returning home Gene farmed and ranched in southern Elk County. For 14 years he also worked for the Elk County Road Department. He was a member of the American Legion Carter Rader Post #149 in Howard. Gene enjoyed fishing and hunting especially rabbits.

Gene is survived by his wife Mary Lodean Lauffer of Winfield, Kansas, two sons; Fred Lauffer and his wife Arleen of Winfield, Kansas and Marvin Lauffer of Ponca City, Oklahoma, three daughters; Sheryl Dunbar and her husband David of Girard, Kansas, Pam Feaster and her husband Jim of Winfield, Kansas and Deanna Burns of Winfield, Kansas, one sister Viola Chamberlain of Howard, Kansas, one brother Glenn Lauffer of Wichita, Kansas, sixteen grandchildren and numerous great and great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Carl and Daryle and one granddaughter Sylvia.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Thursday, December 31, 2009 at Zimmerman Funeral Home in Howard, Kansas with Pastor Rick Hathaway officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Interment will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Grenola, Kansas. Family suggests contributions to the Winfield Rest Haven Nursing Home and may be left with the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Zimmerman Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington, Howard, Kansas.