



## James Maurice Marion

August 20, 1920 - January 30, 2012

James Maurice Marion, age 91, a resident of Howard, Kansas passed away Monday, January 30, 2012 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice Unit in Wichita, Kansas. He was born on August 20, 1920 in rural Howard, Kansas the son of James M. and Rhoda (Taylor) Marion. He was a graduate of Howard High School.

Maurice served his country during World War II in the United States Army. He served a tour of duty in the Army from September 5, 1942, to December 21, 1945. The overseas tour took him from Oakland, California, Pier 15 to Tokyo, Japan, by the way of Australia, New Guinea, Netherlands East Indies and the Philippines. On October 29, 1949, Maurice was united in marriage to Kathryn Virginia Robinson in Attica, Kansas and she preceded him in death in 1996. Maurice married Doris Parker on April 25, 1998 in Garfield, Arkansas and she survives in Montana. He was a farmer and rancher in Elk County. Maurice was a member of the First Baptist Church in Howard. He was also a member of the American Legion Carter Rader Post #149 in Howard where he served as Past Commander, Past District Commander and Past Alternate National Executive Committeeman. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #1022 in Coffeyville, Kansas, member of the 40/8 and was Past Chef de Gare and he also served as an Elk County Commissioner.

He is survived by his wife Doris, three daughters; Kathy Marion and her

companion Morris Hunt of Topeka, Kansas, Nelda Jeffery and her husband Allen of Paola, Kansas and Ruth Ann Maynard and her husband Michael of Nixa, Missouri, four step-children; DorisAnn Brinegar and husband Cary of Salina, Kansas, Arthur "Pete" Parker and his wife Ann of Katy, Texas, Gloria Badgett and husband Jerry of Power, Montana and Peggy Kimmet and her husband Tim of Great Falls, Montana, two daughters by friendship and love; Kathy Zimmers and Janet Rash, three grandchildren; Michael Jeffery of Derby, Kansas, Megan Vohs of Paola, Kansas and Trevor Guinn of Nixa, Missouri, five great grandchildren and several step- grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Howard, Kansas. Visitation will be Friday from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the church. Interment with military honors will be held at Grace Lawn Cemetery. Family suggests contributions to either the Elk County General Public Transportation or Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice and may be sent to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.countrysidefh.com](http://www.countrysidefh.com). Arrangements are under the direction of Countryside - Zimmerman Funeral Home, 206 E. Washington, Howard, Kansas.