



Arnold Oestmann

February 16, 1920 - March 30, 2010

St. Marys-Arnold F. Oestmann, 90, passed away Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at his daughter's home in St. Marys.

He was born February 16, 1920 at Avery, OK, the son of Alvin and Margaret Wiedemier Oestmann. He grew up in Grainola, OK, and graduated from Grainola High School. Arnold served in the United States Navy. He moved to St. Marys in 1945.

Mr. Oestmann was a car salesman in St. Marys for several car dealerships including, Daylor Chevrolet and then Bolan Chevrolet. He was the carrier for the Topeka Capital Journal for 58 years. Arnold worked for Verschelden Funeral Home and later Piper-Verschelden Funeral home in St. Marys.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council No. 657 both in St. Marys.

On November 11, 1944 he was united in marriage to Mary J. Clary in Omaha. She preceded him in death on March 16, 1988.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret (Ray) Fairchild, St. Marys; his sister, Alvina Frazier, Oklahoma City; three grandchildren, Ray D. (Mary) Fairchild, Temple, TX, Todd Fairchild, Silver Lake and Deann Rippe, Maple Hill; six

great-grandchildren and three step great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Marys. Interment will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Mr. Oestmann will lie in state after 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at Piper Funeral Home in St. Marys where there will be a rosary recited at 7:00 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church or Heart of America Hospice and sent in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to www.piperfuneralhome.com.