



Charles Towell

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GRAFTON- Charles Eugene Towell, 78, a soldier for both God & Country, was called home at 3:30 a.m., Thursday, December 12, 2013 at Jersey Community Hospital in Jerseyville after a brief battle with cancer. He was born in Poyner, Mo., on April 22, 1935, the son of the late Ira & Alta (Wright) Towell. He served overseas in Germany with the U.S. Army, and retired as a truck driver from Con Agra in Alton after nearly 40 years of service. His main focus in life was his Lord and his family. He was a follower of the Bible, and was a faithful member of the Otterville Baptist Church. He was a devoted family man, and was a faithful and loving husband, father and grandfather, who will be dearly missed. He married the former Helen Marie Dilport on April 7, 1956 at the First Baptist Church in Grafton, and their married life has spanned 57 years and has been blessed by a large and caring family. Surviving are his wife, Helen Towell; five children & their spouses, Carrie & Tim Renken, Charles Edward Towell, Curtis & Katie Towell, Peggy Pace, and her companion, John Lewis and Melissa & Jeff Muntz all of Otterville; 14 Grandchildren; six great grandchildren; a sister, Joyce Ingold of East Alton; and a brother, Dan Edward Towell of Otterville. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a beloved granddaughter, Kelsey Pace on Jan. 6, 2003; two brothers, Grover Towell and Jan Towell; and three sisters, Nancy Fairchild, Wilma Pauline "Bonnie" Cervantes, and Sharon Carter. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Tuesday at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where funeral services will be conducted at 10 a. m., Wednesday. Rev. Ed Haun will officiate. Burial will be in the Noble Cemetery in Otterville. Jerseyville American Legion Post 492 will conduct military graveside rites. Memorials may be directed to the family to assist in the placement of a monument at the cemetery

