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North Kansas City, MO

Lawrence R. Brumfield, 85, of North Kansas City, Mo., went to be with his Lord and to be reunited with his wife, Lucille, on June 4, 2007. Lawrence was born on September 7, 1921, the last of 11 children to Elisha and Martha Brumfield in Hercules, Mo. After attending public school, he joined the U.S. Army and served for five years in the South Pacific. He was a member of the 383rd Infantry/96th Division and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands in 1945. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Taney County, Mo., and married Lucille Day on February 21, 1947. They moved west, where Lawrence was employed in heavy construction in Lake Tahoe, Nev., and Anaconda Copper Yearington, Nev. Their first child, Dewey, was born November 10, 1948, and their second child, Renee, was born in Reno, Nev., on October 23, 1950. They returned to the Brumfield family farm in Taney Co., Mo., in 1952. Two years later Lawrence and his family moved to Kansas City, Mo., where he began his 31 years of employment with the Burlington-Northern Railroad. He served as both fireman and engineer and retired in 1986. He was a Christian and member of Winnwood Baptist Church. Lawrence and his family enjoyed raising and showing quarter horses. They were awarded over 60 trophies and 100 ribbons during their many years of competition. Lawrence was also an enthusiastic gardener and well known for his delicious tomatoes, which he shared with family and friends. He was devoted and loving and known for his generous and helpful spirit. Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, nine brothers and sisters, and his wife. Survivors include: son, Dewey (wife Sandra) Brumfield of Gladstone, Mo.; daughter Renee (husband Craig) McBrayer of North Muskegon, Mich.; grandchildren: Samuel, Tessa, Jeff, and Kirk McBrayer; sister, May Guinn of Nevada, Mo., as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2007, at Newcomer's White Chapel, 6600 NE Antioch Road, Gladstone, MO 64119. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, at the funeral home. Entombment in White Chapel Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Winnwood Baptist Church, 4513 N. Jackson, Kansas City, MO 64117. Fond memories and condolences for the family may be left online at the website [www.dwnewcomers.com](http://www.dwnewcomers.com).