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Mr. Kirk, 97, died Sunday, April 11, 2010 at Glenwood Healthcare in Seymour. He was born to James P. and Elizabeth Russell Kirk on a homestead in Eastern New Mexico on September 19, 1912. His family's ranch was also the location of the local church, school, and the only water well for miles. Converting the wild was hard and dangerous, but it made a people who were survivors in spite of the odds. He maintained a career in cattle ranching and could ride and rope with the best. Characteristics of the pioneers he had many skills such as welding, surveying, preaching, singing, investing in real estate and stocks, inventing and playing several musical instruments. It is said by those who knew him best during his prime, that he was also an excellent mathematician, veterinarian, and engineer. After marrying Mary Ellen Hawkins and having two children, he moved to the Rocky Mountains in southern Colorado and continued ranching and investing in real estate. Wanting to be in a place that had more rain, he purchased land on the Finley River and Highway 60 where he ranched for the remainder of his life as well as preached. He is survived by two children, Delna Jane Smith and husband Bill of Fordland, Missouri, and James Shrader Kirk and wife Janice of Florissant, Missouri; four grandchildren, Marilyn Kirk, James Kirk, Mike Kirk, and Sean Smith; four great-grandchildren, Taysha Harteley, Daniel Kirk, Garrett Smith, and Ellie Smith; as well as a host of other relatives and many dear friends. Preceding him in death were his parents, one brother, and seven sisters, his wife, two children and one grandchild. He made his confession of faith of Christ in 1949 and has been very involved in carrying out the great commission given by Jesus to take the gospel to the world (Mark 16:15-18). Bert was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and uncle, and was a caring neighbor and friend. We celebrate his long life and honor his many wonderful



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accomplishments, and will treasure the many memories he has created for his family and many dear friends.

Services are 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 17, 2010 in Holman-Howe Chapel in Seymour, Missouri with burial at a later date in Melrose Cemetery in Melrose, New Mexico.

Visitation will be Saturday at 1:00 p.m. until services at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home.



Tribute Wall

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SW

Shirley (Splain) Winder posted:

Hello Delna, and Family, What good memories I have of visiting you, your farm, and your Mom and Dad. Love, prayers, and my sympathy.

April 25 at 9:06 PM

DH

Debra (Sartin) Hodges posted:

my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. i'll be thinking of you marilyn and james. sincerely, debra (sartin) hodges

April 21 at 5:26 PM

EH

Eddie Lee Hicks posted:

So sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad a wonderfull man. May God bless, Eddie and Sharon (Splain)HICKS.

April 15 at 3:12 PM

CY

Charley & Sharon (Ashley) Young posted:

Thinking Of You.

April 14 at 3:34 AM

PH

Pat And Lu Henry posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Bert Kirk. What a life he lived! He was a true pioneer. We will always remember him.

April 13 at 2:11 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rev. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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