Emmons, Joseph Marion 1916 - 2009



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Joseph "Joe" M. Emmons, 93, of Hometown Manor, formerly of Sadieville, husband of Ada Glass Emmons for more than 68 years and U.S. Army World War II veteran, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, at Dover Manor Nursing Home.

A native of Bourbon County, he was the son of the late James Kirk and Mary Ann Mynear Emmons. He was a lifelong farmer and also worked more than 27 years for Bell South, where he used his horses to pull phone lines. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 14 F&AM, American Legion Post No. 24, The Best Teamsters and Porter Christian Church. Joe pulled horses from 1952-2005 and won the National Championship Light Weight Horse Pulling in 1967-68.

Survivors, in addition to his wife, include several nieces and nephews and two special people that Joe and Ada babysat for several years, Daniel and Emily Harrison. He was preceded in death by a sister, Gladie Duncan, and three brothers, Jack, Dewey and Bob Emmons.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at Johnson's Funeral Home with Bro. Benny Robbins and chaplain Lisa Heuser officiating. Burial with military honors will be in Crestlawn Cemetery. Casket bearers will be Danny and Larry Glass, Alvin Ray Duncan, Billy Dalzell, Wayne Lanter, Mike Emmons, Ershal Harrison and Walter Ruth. Honorary bearers will be Bill Wilhoite, Gayle Slade, Daniel Harrison, Steve Lewis, Ronnie Covington and Don Cox. Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Bluegrass.