

## Obituary

**Born:** Thursday, May 20, 1920

**Died:** Thursday, January 12, 2012

Herchal McCullough a 91 year old Princeton , MO resident, passed away at 11:59 p.m., Thursday, January 12, 2012 at Liberty Hospital in Liberty , MO.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at the Princeton First Baptist Church in Princeton , MO. Dr. David Robertson will officiate. A scheduled visitation will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday at Resthaven Mortuary of Trenton . Burial will be in the Resthaven Memorial Gardens following military rites.

Mr. McCullough was born on May 20, 1920 in Grundy County Missouri, the son of Alva Lee and Belva May (Stottlemire) McCullough. He attended Spickard Schools, graduating in 1939. After high school he went to work for Keller Farms in Iowa. He joined the United States Army in 1944 and was discharged in 1946. Sgt. McCullough served in the Phillipines with Company A 108th Regimental Combat Team 40th Infantry Division.

After the war, Mr. McCullough married Syliva Wilkinson on March 16, 1947 in Corydon Iowa; she preceded him in death on January 4, 1974. He went to work for Montgomery Wards, working in the hardware department and home furnishings for 24 years. In 1972, he became Grundy County Clerk, retiring in 1986 after 14 years. He then married Betty George on December 27, 1986 and moved to the farm in Princeton, Missouri.

Mr. McCullough has been active all his life. He loved gardening and flowers. He was involved in Cub Scout Pack 23, Boy Scout Troop 95, American Legion Baseball, Chain Gang for THS football in the 1960's, Church slow pitch softball, and delivered Meals on Wheels in Mercer County. He judged 4-H youth projects. He was a member of the American Legion Post 31 for 60 years and VFW Post 7159 of Princeton. He was active in Rotary Club in both Trenton and Princeton. He served on the Mercer County Health Department Board, helping organize and build the new Health Department building.

Mr. McCullough was a member of the Trenton First Baptist Church, where he was children's Sunday School Department Director, on the trustee's and Deacon's (where he served as chairman). Moved to the Princeton First Baptist Church in 1987, where he also served as Deacon.

Mr. McCullough loved meeting his friends for coffee in the mornings at the Senior Center in Princeton, MO. where tall tales and fellowship took place. They would spend their time playing checkers, dominoes, cards and pool until lunch. His favorite time was spent with family, whether taking trips, going out to eat, or just visiting. Surviving relatives include his wife Betty of Princeton, MO; a son, Ron McCullough and his wife, Linda of Trenton, MO; a daughter, Karen Todd of Trenton, MO; a step son, Rick George and his wife, Franny of Atlanta, GA; 2 step daughters, Randi Owen and her husband, Larry of Colorado Springs, CO and Vicki George of Gladstone, MO; a brother Gordon McCullough and his wife Betty of Princeton, MO; a sister in law, Marjorie McCullough of Trenton, MO; 2 grandchildren, Michael McCullough, and Stephanie Burnfin and her husband, Richard; 4 step grandchildren, Risa Arseneault, Rachel Owen, Rebecca Owen, and Tylor-Anne Owen; 2 great grandchildren, Jonathan and Hannah Burnfin; and 2 step great grandchildren, Sunny and Stella Arseneault.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Sylvia; a brother, Cecil McCullough; and a nephew, Robert (Bob) McCullough.

The family has suggested that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Mercer County Senior Center or the contributor's choice, they can be left at or mailed to Resthaven Mortuary, P.O. Box 587 , Trenton , MO 64683 .

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## Service Summary

### Visitation

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Tue Jan 17, 2012

**Resthaven Mortuary**

310 North Hwy 65  
Trenton, MO 64683

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**Funeral Service**

2:00 PM Wed Jan 18, 2012

**Princeton First Baptist Church**

1308 Main St.  
Princeton, MO 64673