



Vernon R. Towner

Saturday, October 11th, 1924 - Thursday, July 1st, 2021

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Obituary

Mr. Vernon Raymond Towner, age 96, of Jefferson City, Mo., passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at Primrose Retirement Community.

Vernon was born October 11, 1924, in Ness City, Ks., the son of Raymond W. and Etta M. (Zuehlke) Towner.

Vernon was a 1942 graduate of Smith Cotton High School in Sedalia, Mo. and a 1945 graduate with an associate in science degree from Hannibal LaGrange College in Hannibal, Mo.

It was during college that he met Laura Louise Parsons while they were singing in a mixed quartet. They were married on July 28, 1946 in Bowling Green, Mo.

After college, Vernon taught radio repair in Kansas City to Armed Forces servicemen. He moved to Jefferson City and founded Towner Radio in 1947, which later became Towner Communications Systems. The business quickly expanded from selling and repairing radios into televisions and eventually into telecommunications. He was proud to transfer the business in 1994 to the second generation of his family and he continued helping part time even to work alongside the third generation.

Vernon was an active member of First Baptist Church in Jefferson City. He served in numerous capacities including deacon and was a pre-school Sunday school teacher for over 60 years. He was passionate about music and shared that talent with his wife. They sang in the choir together and performed several duets in worship at church. They were involved with the Friendship Choir performing at several nursing homes in Missouri. He was also a member of Gideons International.

Vernon traveled to numerous places to learn more about his genealogy and became a member of Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) from his efforts. He was a member of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club and assisted faithfully every year with their fundraising events. Vernon challenged himself to restore a Model A car at age 83 and was a member of the Mid-Missouri Old Car Club. Lou and Vernon traveled extensively to Europe, Hawaii and other parts of the world. He was an avid fan of the Jefferson City Jays, Mizzou, and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Vernon will be remembered for being a kind gentleman with a generous heart.

Vernon is survived by: his loving wife of almost 75 years, Lou Towner; three children, Linda Petty (Jim) of Jefferson City, Mo., Mark Towner (Susan) of Jefferson City, Mo. and Jill Howell (John) of Lenexa, Ks.; two siblings, John Towner of Lawrence, Ks. and Dorothy Kirkpatrick (Chester) of Sedalia, Mo.; eight grandchildren, Lisa Petty Attaway (Craig), Tim Petty (Nicole), Matthew Petty, Ryan Towner (Amanda), Keith Towner (Julie), Laura Smith (Beau-Gabriel), Meredith Howell and David Howell (Kaci); and 16 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at First Baptist Church from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at First Baptist Church with the Reverend Rod Maples and the Reverend Craig Attaway officiating. Graveside services and interment will be held at Riverview Cemetery.

The memorial service will be available on a webcast beginning at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday. Friends may access the webcast by visiting Vernon's memorial page on Freeman Mortuary's website.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to First Baptist Church, 301 E. Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Mo. 65101; Gideons International, P.O. Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090 or the Jefferson City Host Lions Club, P.O. Box 6613 Jefferson City, Mo. 65102.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Freeman Mortuary.

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Vernon R. Towner - Memorial Program

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Service Details

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Visitation ▼

When

Tuesday, July 6th, 2021 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Location

First Baptist Church

Address

301 East Capital
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101

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Interment



Location

Riverview Cemetery

Address

2600 West Main Street
JEFFERSON CITY, MO

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