



## Richard Laird

October 6, 2008

Richard O. Laird, 85, of Jackson died Monday, Oct. 6, 2008, at his home. He was born Nov. 13, 1922, in Elvins, Mo., son of James C. and Hulda Rock Laird. Laird served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific, being discharged Dec. 21, 1945. He owned and operated Deneke-Laird Funeral Home and Furniture Store in Jackson 31 years. He also farmed. He was of the Methodist belief. Survivors include two sons, Rick Laird of Jackson, Stephen Laird; a daughter, Marnell Staley of Chaffee, Mo.; a brother, David Laird of Plano, Texas; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son and nine brothers and sisters. The graveside service will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at Russell Heights Cemetery, with the Rev. Donny Ford officiating. There will be a gathering at Laird's Spring Valley on Greensferry Road for family and friends following the service.