

## **EUGENE WARNER PRENTICE**

Eugene Warner Prentice, 86, of rural Parker, Kansas, passed away at home, on Saturday, August 9, 2008.

Eugene was born January 20, 1922 in Parker, Kansas and was the second of three sons of Earl Harlan and Leila Essie Warner Prentice. He grew up in Parker, Kansas and was a 1940 graduate of Parker Rural High School and went to technical school in 1940 to become a skilled electrician. He began working for the REA and later for Jim's Electric and Floyd Rand Electric in Paola, Kansas.

He married Marjorie Ruth Conley on February 2, 1941 in Kansas City, Kansas. They made their home around Parker and became the parents of three sons. Later they moved back to the house where he was born.

He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 124, a lifelong member of the Parker United Methodist Church, a member of the Parker Community Historical Society, a 4-H leader and Boy Scout leader.

He retired after almost 50 years as an electrician to become a successful farmer, and loved to hunt, fish, and help others. Eugene is fondly remembered as a loving husband and father, a wonderful friend, a helpful neighbor, always ready to help those in need throughout the community, and a creative artisan with a boyish good humor that always made people smile.

He was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Lester. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Marjorie Ruth of the home; three sons, Kenneth E. and Sandra Prentice of Shawnee, Kansas, Donald and Gail Prentice of Oxnard, California, David and Diane Prentice of Upper Marlboro, Maryland; one brother, Clyde Prentice of Hemet, California; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 13, 2008 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Eddy-Birchard Funeral Home in Osawatomie, Kansas. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the Parker United Methodist Church in Parker, Kansas. Burial will be in the Parker Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society of Kansas City, the Parker United Methodist Church, and the Family Research Council.