

> Versailles Statesman

> April 14, 1927

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> Edward Elijah Speaker was born in Illinois, September 12, 1868. In early  
> boyhood he came with his parents to Missouri and settled near Otterville.

> He was married in 1891 to Miss Ellen Anne Neal. To this union were born  
> seven children, Neal Speaker, Mrs. J. A. Sanders and Mrs. George Ratje  
> of Florence; Jimmy Speaker of Otterville; Walter Speaker of Kansas City,  
> Mrs. Earl Gochenour, of California, Mo and Oscar who died in infancy.

> Mr. Speaker was stricken with pneumonia while visiting his daughter  
> Mrs. A. J. Sanders and died there April 2, 1927.

> He had been a consistent member of the Otterville Baptist church for  
many

> years, and from that church the funeral was held April 4th, Rev L. J. Moran  
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> Liberty, pastor of the Bethlehem church, conducted the services. he was  
laid

> to rest in the Otterville Cemetery. ✓