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## Gene L. Branstetter, 66, Sedalia

Gene L. Branstetter, 66, of Sedalia, died Sunday, Oct. 4, 1998, at Bothwell Regional Health Center.

He was born July 29, 1932, in Sedalia, a son of Earl and Alma Mae Walter Branstetter. On Jan. 15, 1964, in Miami, Okla., he was married to Pearl Nadine Speer, who died Jan. 1, 1995.

Mr. Branstetter was an Air Force veteran. He had been a cook while in the military. He was involved in food preparation his entire life. He owned Leonard's Cafe and Truck Stop on south U.S. 65 for 19 years.

He worked in the dietary department at Bothwell Regional Health Center from about 1974 to 1994. He was a member of the America Legion



Mr. Branstetter

in Sedalia. He was an avid gardener and was known for his garden produce.

Surviving are his mother of Sedalia; a brother, Gary L. Branstetter of Poplar Bluff; a half brother, Victor Campbell of Rogers, Ark.; and three sisters, JoAnn Branstetter of Sedalia, Vera M. Isabell of Wooldridge and Betty Duncan of Fayetteville, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his father who died July 19, 1980.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ewing Funeral Home with the Rev. Drew Hill and the Rev. Don Swift officiating. Pallbearers will be Mike Duncan, Dennis Walker, Dustin Brandes, John Campbell, James Gertz and Tim Ahearn. Burial will be in Highland Sacred Gardens Cemetery with services by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2591. Visitation, after 10 a.m. Thursday, Ewing Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Lung Association.

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