

Orval F. Woolery
March 20, 1920~May 22, 2010

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Orval Franklin Woolery, 90, of Sedalia died Saturday, May 22, 2010, at St. John's Hospital, Joplin.

He was born March 20, 1920, at Glensted, a son of Rowen and Golda McCray Woolery.

On Sept. 4, 1942, he married Ruth Elizabeth Schioldhelm, who survives of the home.

He was a pastor in Missouri for 22 years and director of missions for the Harmony Baptist Association for the next 25 years of his life. He also served as host for the weekly television program "Word of the World" for 11 years. He served many families throughout Missouri officiating 5,500 weddings and 4,500 funerals. He was a lifetime member of the Salvation Army and First Baptist Church, Sedalia.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Marilyn "Beth" Coughenower of Butler and Ellen Louise Roweton of Bolivar; one son, Ben Hadley Woolery and his wife, Jeanie, of Joplin; one daughter-in-law, Linda K. Woolery of Joplin; one sister, Margret Bradley of Sedalia; eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Edward Orval Woolery; three sisters, Alma Koester of Stover, Wilma Schoening of San Antonio, Texas, and Glenda Davis of Sedalia; four brothers, Jewell C. Woolery of Sedalia, Earl Woolery of Spencer, Iowa, Omer Woolery, state of Iowa, and Ralph Woolery of Cole Camp.

Services are at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at First Baptist Church, Sedalia, with Pastor Drew Hill officiating. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery, Sedalia.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to funeral service.

The family suggests memorial contributions be given to The Salvation Army, in care of Rea Funeral Chapel, 1001 S. Limit Ave., Sedalia MO 65301. Pallbearers will be Brad Roweton, Lance Roweton, Brock Roweton and Todd Coughenower.