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Jerry D. Smartt

(September 11, 1931 - June 12, 2012)

Jerry Smartt, age 80, of Warsaw passed away at his home June 12th, after a brief illness. He was born in Donna, Texas on September 11, 1931, the son of Wade and Nellie Bell (Clark) Smartt.

Jerry is survived by his wife Marilyn of the home, 2 daughters, Emily Noguchi and her husband Clyde, Melanie Masterson and her husband Chris and 5 grandchildren from California.

Jerry had an amazing running career, running competitively for over 60 years. He was a member of the US track team and served as an alternate in the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. He also coached track in Iran and Turkey. Jerry taught High School English in California, and retired, before moving to Warsaw and his marriage to Marilyn in 1986.

Jerry also loved to build and fly electric airplanes. He enjoyed this hobby for several years. He served in the Air Force for 4 years and was stationed in Okinawa, during the Korean conflict.

Jerry began his college academics at Kilgore Junior College, in Kilgore, Texas where he was a yell leader. He attended Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado and the University of Texas Houston where he attended with a track scholarship. He received his Master's degree in education.

Funeral Services will be held at River Church, where he was a member. Visitation will beginning at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, June 16, 2012. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 A.M. Memorials may be sent to River Church, Warsaw, Missouri for Christian Schools sponsored by the church for Good Sheppard School in Guatemala, and Samaritan Village, Africa or to the Jerry Smartt Annual Memorial Run, proceeds from which will go to cancer research and Christian education.

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