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Robert M. Kirkpatrick, 79

Robert Morris Kirkpatrick, 79, of Columbia and formerly of Prairie Home, died Wednesday, July 1, 1998, at Boone Hospital Center. Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Thacher Funeral Home with the Rev. Dave Schawo officiating. Burial will be at Pisgah Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Johnny Miller, William Tuttle, Ewing Knorp, Donald

Zey, Lee Kendrick and Charles Knorp.

Robert Morris Kirkpatrick was born July 11, 1918, in Cooper County, the son of Noland B. and Grace Lee Morris Kirkpatrick. He married Belle Elizabeth Williams on Dec. 31, 1939, at Otterville. She preceded him in death. Mr. Kirkpatrick was a life-long resident of Cooper County where he was a member of the Prairie Home AF & AM Masonic Lodge and the Prairie Home Baptist Church. Before retiring, he was employed as Postmaster at Prairie Home. Mr. Kirkpatrick was a veteran of World War II, serving under General Patton's 2nd Cavalry during the Battle of the Bulge. He later helped rescue and guard the Royal Lippizaner Stallions from the Russians.

Surviving are two sons, Keith Kirkpatrick of Rocheport and Myron Kirkpatrick of Ocean Shores, Wash.; three grandchildren and one great-

grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Earl Kirkpatrick; and by one sister, Barbara L. Eidman.

Memorials are suggested to the Central Missouri Food Bank, 200 Pennsylvania Drive, Columbia, Mo., 65202.