

## EDWARD THOMAS GUTHRIE



The precious soul of Edward T. Guthrie, 85, of Overland Park, KS, a servant of the Lord, slipped peacefully into eternal glory in the presence of his beloved family on December 25, 2011. Visitation will be from 12 - 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 29th at Mt. Moriah & Freeman Funeral Home with a celebration of his life following at 1:00. Burial will follow in Mount Moriah Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to City Union Mission Farm Program or a memorial fund of your choice. Ed was born December 2, 1926, in Kansas City, MO, the son of Clayton W. Guthrie and Grace Christensen Thomas Guthrie. He graduated from Paseo High School, Class of 1945 and was a charter member of the Oxford Class of Paseo Methodist Church. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America, receiving his Eagle Award in 1942, was a Sea Scout, and a Sachem in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, taking the tribal name "Little Flint." He remained in leadership, serving as Cub Master, Scout Master, and leading the Explorer Post in Odessa, MO, as well as serving Troop 327 in Ruskin Heights, South Kansas City, where he earned the Wood Badge and Good Shepard

Awards; most recently he served as an Eagle Scout Guest Chairman until 2002. Ed joined the [U.S. Navy](#) in [World War II](#) serving aboard the drydock AFD-25 on Manicani Island, The Philippines in 1945 and 1946. He was recalled to the [Korean War](#) 1950-1952 serving as EMP3 aboard the aircraft carrier USS Essex CV9 in the Pacific Theatre. He nurtured his closest Essex buddies' relationships through annual reunions in the Pacific Northwest. He married Janet Adamson in 1949 at Paseo Methodist Church and from this love were born Bruce Edward Guthrie, Gregory Clayton Guthrie, and Jill Renee Guthrie. He was a life and health insurance representative and broker his entire career, retiring in 1993. Ed had a servant's heart and was a man of deep loyalties and dedication to his Lord and his family. He was charter member in 1955 and deacon of Ruskin Heights Baptist Church, sang tenor in the choir, taught Sunday School classes, and was the Men's Breakfast "Chief Biscuits and Gravy Cook." He drove children and the elderly to church in the church van from the 1950s until the church closed in 2003. He was a volunteer tutor at Dobbs Elementary School from 1993 to 2002 in the Hickman Mills Consolidated I school district. Ed was predeceased by his parents, as well as two of his cousins Clarence and Ben with whom he remained very close. Left to miss him is his devoted family, wife Jan of the home; son Bruce of the home; son Gregory and his wife Debbie of Flemington, NJ; daughter Jill and her husband Jon Onstot of Peculiar, MO; granddaughters Sarah Guthrie, and Grace Guthrie Assad and her husband Peter of Kansas City, MO; sister Margaret Medcalf of Richmond, VA; brother Clayton Guthrie of Hot Springs Village, AR; and Thomas cousins Jane and Martha; several nieces and nephews as well as a host of friends dear to his heart. He will be terribly missed. Online condolences may be given at [www.mtmoriah-freeman.com](http://www.mtmoriah-freeman.com). M