

# Chester Paul Sulser

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Birth: Nov. 17, 1927  
 Steelville  
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Death: Dec. 3, 2005  
 Ellington  
 Reynolds County  
 Missouri, USA

## CHESTER P SULSER

Chester Paul Sulser, 78, died Dec. 3, 2005, at his home in Ellington, Mo.

He was born Nov. 17, 1927, in Steelville, Mo., son of the late Paul R. and Norene (Gahr) Sulser.

He was united in marriage to Ruth Smith May 25, 1951, at the Ellington Methodist Church in Ellington. They were blessed with four children.

Chester moved to Ellington from Steelville with his parents when he was 3 months old. They lived in Deer Run Park, where his father was a park keeper. Between his junior and senior years in high school, he worked in a defense plant in St. Louis. After graduation, he worked at Boeing Aircraft in Seattle, Wash., and then enlisted in the United States Navy. He later went to auctioneering school in Mason City, Iowa.

Chester and Ruth farmed for three years on a large farm near Garwood. He was employed by the Missouri Department of Conservation until 1959, when he was appointed U.S. Postmaster in Ellington. He served in that capacity for 31 years. He was later associated with McSpadden Funeral Home.

He was a member of the Ellington Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday school, served as board chairman, youth group leader and finance chairman. He was involved in many charitable events in the community. He was honored by the Chamber of Commerce when he and his wife were selected to serve as grand marshals of Spring Fever Days in 2004. Chester also received recognition for his



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service to the University Extension Council and he was a former member of the Ellington Rotary Club.

His favorite activity was spending time with his family. He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, especially taking family vacations and float trips with the boys. His other hobbies included farming, fishing in his pond, auctioneering and training dogs.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth of Ellington; one son, Paul Sulser, Shelbyville; three daughters, Ramona (Gary) Vaughn, Springfield, Krista (Dale) Hampton, Ellington, Paula (Randy) Hulse, Hannibal; seven grandchildren, Jason (Jennifer) Vaughn, Eric Vaughn, Benjamin, Andrew and Rebekah Hampton, Kelley and Neil Hulse; two great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Brendan Vaughn. Chester touched many lives in this community and he will be greatly missed by so many that loved him.

The funeral was held Dec. 5 at McSpadden Funeral Home, Ellington, with Pastor Brad Dush. "How Great Thou Art" was played .

Pallbearers were Jason and Eric Vaughn, Benjamin and Andrew Hampton, Neil Hulse and Derek Brewer.

(Reynolds County Courier, Ellington, MO, Thursday, Dec. 8, 2005, page 5)

#### Family links:

##### Parents:

[Paul R Sulser \(1905 - 1985\)](#)

[Norene I Gahr Sulser \(1908 - 1985\)](#)

##### Burial:

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