

Severance , KS

SEVERANCE, KANSAS - Donald R. Elder, 90, of Severance, Kansas died Saturday, April 30, 2016.

Don was born on August 29, 1925 in Troy, Kansas to Robert and Bessie (Scarbrough) Elder. He was a lifelong resident of Doniphan County. Don graduated from Troy High School, attended Emporia State University from 1948-1950. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea from 1946 to 1948. Don was a self-employed electrician retiring in 2006. Don was very active in "jail ministry" for over 41 years.

Don is a member of the American Legion Post of Everest, V.F.W., was a past school board member of the Severance School and later the Midway School District. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason.

He married Leota Elliott on January 23, 1949 at Bendena, Kansas. She survives of the home. Don was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Robert I. Elder and a nephew, Mark Elder.

Additional survivors include  
5 daughters; Karen Spalding (Ron) of Kansas City, Missouri;  
Miriam Scholz (Ron) of Denton, Kansas;  
Gina Korthanke (Mark) of St. Joseph, Missouri;  
Donita Johnson (Doug) of Denton, Kansas;  
Charlotte Albers (Joe) of Trimble, Missouri;  
17 Grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 5 step-great-grandchildren and 1  
step-great-great-grandchild.

Funeral: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 – 10:30 A.M.

At: New Life Church – Blair, Kansas

Burial: Moray Cemetery in Bendena, Kansas where there will be flag-folding ceremony under the auspices of the U.S. Army

Visitation: family will receive friends Tuesday evening 6-8 pm at the New Life Church.

Memorials: Gideons

Harman Rohde Funeral Home in Troy, Kansas handling the arrangements.