Wathena, KS

Bernard "Pete" J. Walter Sr., 94, of Wathena, Kansas passed away Sunday, January 8, 2017 at his home.

Bernard was born on October 23, 1922 in St. Joseph, Missouri a child of Switzerland immigrants Herman & Anna (Rutschman) Walter.

He graduated from Todd High School & worked his life as a farmer. Bernard was a member of the First Baptist Church & the Maranatha Class of Wathena. He served on the Soil Conservation Board for 27 years & the REA Board for several years.

Bernard married Elaine Louise Zeltwanger on June 27, 1942 in Plattsburg, Missouri. She survives of the home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Robert, Lawrence & Frederick Walter.

Additional survivors: son, Rev. B. James Walter Jr. (Jean) of Reelsville, Indiana;

Daughters, Patsy Benitz (Dan) of Jefferson, Iowa;

Betty Hoge (Gary) of St. Joseph, Missouri;

Joyce Clibon (Vernon) of St. Joseph, Missouri;

9 grandchildren & 16 great-grandchildren;

Brother, William Walter of Parkville, Missouri;

Numerous nieces & nephews.

Funeral Service: 10:30 A.M. Thursday, January 12, 2017

At the First Baptist Church of Wathena, Kansas

Visitation: 6-8 Wednesday evening at the Harman-Rohde Funeral Home in Wathena, Kansas.

Where friends may call after 1 P.M. Wednesday.

Burial: Mount Olive Cemetery, Troy, Kansas

In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, Wathena, Kansas or the

Doniphan County Meals on Wheels