

Holton, KS



Harold Ray Kennedy, 76, of Holton, KS passed away suddenly Friday, February 17, 2017 at his home. He was born December 5, 1940 in Miller, OK the son of James Robert and Sarah Jane (Hamilton) Kennedy.

Harold attended Arvin High School, in California. He was a pipefitter for Local #460 out of Bakersfield, California for many years; traveling across the United States.

Harold was a member of Lakeview Faith Chapel and believer in Jesus Christ. He was also a member of Holton Masonic Lodge #42 and served 2 years on Holton City Commission. He was passionate about politics and Holton Football.

Harold married Betty Jane Coble on November 5, 1958 in Arvin, CA; they celebrated their 58th year of marriage. She survives of the home. Other survivors include: 3 daughters, Carla Holliday (Dennis), Deborah Reichle (Mike) and Sharon Stroup (Rod) all of Holton, KS; a son, James Kennedy (Kari Bottenberg) of Topeka, KS; 3 brothers, Isaac Kennedy of Topeka, KS, W.C. Kennedy of Bakersfield, CA and Carl Kennedy of Washington; 9 grandchildren: Sarah Christianberry (Mike), Jessica Snyder (Tanner), Jennifer Taylor (Austin), JoDee Whipple (Jesse), Baylee Golder (Scott), Samuel Holliday, Sondra Stroup (Chad Lundin), Andrew Stroup and Morgan Kennedy and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Aaron Kennedy; daughter-in-law, Melissia Kennedy; 1 sister and 4 brothers.

Celebration of Life will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Family will greet friends from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Wednesday morning. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Holton High School Football Program c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.