

Atchison, KS

Edward Aloysius Zehnder, 92, of Atchison, KS died at his home Monday, March 19, 2018.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church with Fr. Jeremy Heppler, OSB as Celebrant. Burial will follow in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Atchison. A parish rosary will be recited at 10:00AM on Thursday at the church followed by a short visitation with the family until time of service. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Benedict's Parish or St. Benedict's School and may be sent in care of the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home who is handling the arrangements. Condolences to the family may be left online at www.beckerdyer.com.

Edward was born on November 20, 1925 in Atchison, KS the only child of William "Billy" and Bernadine Columbia (Madden) Zehnder. Growing up in the Shannon area he attended Shannon School and graduated from ACCHS in 1943. He farmed with his father from 1943 to 1950 when he was inducted in the United States Army where he served until 1952. The family moved to the outskirts of Atchison and Edward worked as a truck driver for Watson Bros. Truck Line, Capital Truck Lines, Schwerman Trucking, and Material Contracting. After retiring he drove a taxi in Atchison for a time, did mowing for friends and volunteered at Project Concern delivering Meals on Wheels until about 3 months ago. He was a member of St. Benedict's Parish attending Sacred Heart Church where he had been an usher in the past.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and is survived by cousins. His greatest wish was to remain independent. He had kept in contact with old army buddies by visits to their homes. He cherished his friends and especially the kindness and thoughtful things done for him by friends Andrea and Mike Jones and Jolene Ricketts.