

formerly of Horton & Hiawatha , KS

Dale Reed Campbell, 95, died peacefully at Apostolic Christian Retirement Home in Sabetha, Kansas on September 24, 2018 with his daughter by his side.

The oldest of Herbert and Winifred Kipp Campbell's five children, he was born February 12, 1923 and loved life in Horton and Hiawatha. Health forced his move to Sabetha's Apostolic Christian Retirement Home in 2012.

A 1941 graduate of Horton High School, Mr. Campbell served in the U.S. Army during World War II, farmed in Horton's Mount Pleasant area for 18 years (1946-1964), ran a Phillips 66 gas station in Hiawatha for 5 years, managed the Brown County CoOp Gas and Tire Shop in Hiawatha for 16 years, then engaged in day labor farming and hauling water to fertilizer trucks for the Co-Op during early years of his retirement.

He was a member of the Horton United Methodist Church, Homer White Post 66 of the Hiawatha American Legion, Post 5210 of Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Brown County Historical Society.

His passions were his family and friends, story-telling and laughter. He loved presiding as patriarch of Campbell family gatherings. A go-to homemade ice cream maker for the Historical Society and Hiawatha Ice Cream Socials for many years, Dale will be remembered as honest, gentle, humble, funny, kind, and optimistic, the most plainly decent gentleman anyone could ever hope to meet. No one in his family can remember him ever saying an unkind or critical word about anybody. He lived a good, long life, the kind of life good men are supposed to lead. He will be missed and never forgotten.

Survivors include daughter and granddaughter, Jacki Campbell Jacoby and Maria Lucy Merkel of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; sister Janet Meyers of Wichita, Kansas; brother Don (and wife, LaVerne) Campbell of Falls City, Nebraska; brother-in-law Dick Banks (and wife, Pat) of Topeka, Kansas; and many extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by wives Verda June Banks Campbell and Frances Louise Brown Woodruff Campbell, both of whom were born and raised in Whiting, Kansas, brother Keith Campbell and sister Shirley Campbell Hosford, both of Horton, Kansas, as well as many beloved friends.