

Former longtime Hiawatha optometrist being remembered

(KNZA)--A former longtime Hiawatha optometrist is being remembered.

Dr. Harold Ripple, Jr. died Monday at the age of 98.

Dr. Ripple practiced in Hiawatha for 36 years from September 1st 1947 until his retirement in 1983.

As a member of the Kansas Optometric Association, he served as president of the Association, and president of the Kansas Optometric Foundation, among numerous other related roles, including President of the Kansas Ethics Committee for Optometry. As a member of the American Optometric Association, he earned recognition as a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. He received numerous honors from both professional associations.

Dr. Ripple was one of the three original founding members of the Hiawatha Elks Lodge serving one term as Exalted Ruler and a member for 70 plus years. He was also active in the Masonic Lodge for 70 plus years.

A celebration of life service for Dr. Ripple will be held Thursday morning at 10:30 at the First Presbyterian Church, in Hiawatha.

[The Chapel Oaks Funeral Home](#), in Hiawatha, is handling the arrangements.

Among survivors are his wife, Deloris, along with two children and two step-children.

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