

Formerly Atchison, KS

Donald F. Neavitt, 89, formerly of Atchison, Kansas, died Saturday, October 6, 2018.

Memorial services will be Friday, October 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Atchison United Methodist Church with Rev. Nancy J Kollhoff officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be Oct. 19th, from 1:00 p.m. until service time at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Atchison United Methodist Church or the Boy Scouts of America- Pony Express Council. Arensberg-Pruett Funeral Home has been entrusted with final care.

Donald was born August 14, 1929, to Frank A. and Jennie (Owens) Neavitt in Atchison, Kansas. He attended schools in Atchison, graduating from Atchison High School in 1947. As a teenager he worked for Tappan Grocery, Federal Bakery, YMCA and Snowden Mize Drug. He attended a business college in Kansas City, then moving to Grand Junction, CO, where he worked for a drugstore before returning to Atchison; he worked a short while for Pillsbury Feeds and then worked for Western Union Telegraph for 31 years. During those years he worked in Springfield MO, Atchison, Hannibal, MO, Craig CO, Independence, KS, Sikeston, MO, Dolores, CO, Kansas City, MO, Dallas, TX, Baton Rouge, LA, San Francisco, CA, Belleville, IL, New York City, NY, and retired in 1979 in Kansas City, Missouri

On July 4, 1952 he married Betty LaVerne Shirley in Stillwater, Oklahoma. They had three sons, Gary (Debbie), Jeffrey (Chris) and Mark (Lisa). Additionally surviving include twelve grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and two sisters, Sr. Jeanine Neavitt, OSB, Beverly Ann Ramsburg.

After retirement he and his family returned to Atchison where he was involved in insurance and real estate sales, manage a tax business, worked for the Chamber of Commerce as Tourism Assistant and later as a trolley driver (historic tours).