

Sabetha, KS



Edwin James Montgomery, 94, of Sabetha, Kansas died Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha.

He was born September 26, 1924 to Charles and Lillian Mae (Church) Montgomery at the farm home in the Berwick community northwest of Sabetha. He attended Excelsior country school, and graduated from Sabetha High School with the class of 1942. He attended Kansas State University briefly, and while there was a member of the Farmhouse Fraternity. He then returned to the family farm and worked with his father for the next several years.

He married Leota Strahm in February 1948, and together they made their home in the Berwick community. To this union were born three children, Ann, Jay, and Ross. Ed was a lifelong farmer and stockman. A dairyman for many years, he and Leota established Leeds Farm registered dairy herd. While dairying, Ed and Leota received the Balanced Farming and Family Living Award from the Kansas Bankers Association as well as other numerous DHIA awards. When the dairy herd was sold in 1973, he then fed beef cattle and hogs and continued his row crop operation.

Ed's life centered around faith, family, and farming. He was a lifelong member of the First Congregational Church and NorthRidge Church in Sabetha where he served as trustee, deacon, and missions committee member, was a Sunday School teacher for many years and was a member of Gideons International. He was a member of The Dairy Herd Improvement Association and served as president of the DHIA. He served on the board of the Nemaha County Creamery, a predecessor of the Mid-American Dairymen Creamery in Sabetha, and was a member of the Nemaha County Farm Bureau. Ed enjoyed reading, traveled extensively, and became a licensed private pilot and a member of the Sabetha Flying Club. He treasured family gatherings and his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In 2011, he and Leota moved to the Apostolic Christian Home Retirement Village where he lived until failing health necessitated his move to the Apostolic Christian Home, where he resided until his death. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Mae (Church) Montgomery; and sisters, Dottie Smith and Margie Dillaplain.

He is survived by his wife, Leota of the home; his daughter, Ann Kent (Bill); his sons, Jay Montgomery (Dee) and Ross Montgomery (Martha); ten grandchildren, Rachael Donahou (Eddie), Naomi Kent, Micah Kent, Justin Montgomery (Jenny), Jordan Montgomery (Ashley), Emma Surdez (Derek), Ellie Robson (Zach), Jonah Montgomery, Sky Smith, and Alec Dirks; nine great-grandchildren; his brother, Don (Nancy) of Sabetha; and nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Funeral service will be held Monday, August 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at NorthRidge Church in Sabetha, Kansas. Visitation will be Sunday, August 25, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at NorthRidge Church in Sabetha. Interment will be made in the Albany Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to NorthRidge Church Missions or the Apostolic Christian Home, sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia Street, Sabetha, KS 66534. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.popkessmortuaries.com.