



## Donald Bennett

May 16, 1922 - April 8, 2011

Donald Bennett, 88, of Kearney died Friday, April 8, 2011 at his residence in Kearney. Services will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at O'Brien - Straatmann Funeral Home in Kearney with the Rev. Gary Main officiating. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 12 at the Funeral Home with the family present. Interment will be 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 13 at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Pleasanton, Nebraska with military honors provided by the Pleasanton American Legion. O'Brien - Straatmann Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements. Donald Leroy Bennett was born May 16, 1922 near Mason City, Nebraska to Fred and Gertrude (Wing) Bennett. After graduating from Mason City High, he completed a year of college before enlisting in the Army in 1942. During WWII he served in the European Theater of Operations until his honorable discharge in 1946. Donald married Elizabeth Crouch of Broken Bow May 24, 1950 and they enjoyed 58 years together. Starting as a telegrapher with the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, he became an agent and eventually a railroad officer with the Burlington Northern Railroad during his 34 year career. Donald and Elizabeth lived and worked in Broken Bow, Litchfield, Seneca, Custer, South Dakota and Alliance. In 1984, the couple retired to Kearney. Donald was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Elks, Eagle's, American Legion and VFW. A devoted husband, father and grandfather, Donald also enjoyed woodworking and gardening. Left to cherish his memory are daughters, Barbara of Gladstone, MO, Nancy Unick and husband, Ben of Pleasanton; son Mark and wife

Carolyn of Seguin, Texas, grandchildren, Eugene Unick and wife, Rachel, Geoffrey Unick, Catherine, Christopher and Margaret Bennett; brother, Roy Bennett and his wife, Darlene of Yakima, WA; many nieces and nephews and several close friends and neighbors. Donald was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Elizabeth; and siblings, Warren, Gene, and Carrie. Memorials are suggested to the donors choice. Online condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at [osafh.com](http://osafh.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Bennett*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Dear Bennett Family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Don. I'm sure he is with my dad and all of their railroad buddies talking about the old days. Don was such a genuine and kind man. Our prayers are with you and your family. Becky and Tom Brandt*

**Becky DeFord Brandt** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Nancy, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. I know you will miss your dad. Take care.*

**Rhonda Case Hashman** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Nancy my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Take care.*

**Rhonda Case Hashman** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Nancy & family, please accept our sincere sympathy on the loss of your Dad. We know this is a difficult time for you. please contact us at the above email so i can get yours and stay in contact.*

**don & cindy zurn** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM

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“ We would like to extend our sympathy and prayers to the family. We had the opportunity to meet Mr. Bennett and enjoyed talking to him during family gatherings. May he rest in peace as he joins his wife in heaven.

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**John, Debbie and Michael Cartwright** - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM