



Keith McConnell

January 16, 1927 - May 7, 2012

KEARNEY - Keith McConnell, 85, of Kearney died Monday, May 7, 2012, at St. John's Good Samaritan Center. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Kearney with the Rev. Gary Main officiating. Burial will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Bainbridge Cemetery in Harlan County with military honors by the U.S. Army National Guard Honors Team. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday at O'Brien-Straatmann-Redinger Funeral Home. He was born Jan. 16, 1927, in rural Ragan to Frank and Rosa (Schroeder) McConnell. In 1948, he married Bernieta Holmes in Huntley. Survivors include his wife; son, Dick and his wife, Julie, of Kearney; daughter, Sue Frizzell and her husband, Dan, of Tucson, Ariz.; sister, Zella Richman of Alma; and grandsons, Dalton McConnell, Drew Frizzell and Clay Frizzell. Keith grew up and received his education in Huntley. He entered the U.S. Army June 7, 1945, and served in the cavalry during World War II. He was honorably discharged Nov. 5, 1946. He and Bernieta lived in Kearney where he was a technician for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation. Keith and Bernieta built a home in Pikes Peak Forest, where the couple lived for five years, then later returned to Kearney. Keith was a member of First United Methodist Church, Lions Club and Men's Cosmos. He enjoyed RVing and camping and loved to hunt and fish, and his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister. Memorials are suggested to First United Methodist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Keith McConnell*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Bernita and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have kind memories of Keith talking over the fence in our backyard. The kids remembered the pumpkins he gave them as well as the veggies he'd have them try. He will be missed greatly! Best, John, Sarah, Brett, Katie and Maggie Swanson*

John and Sarah Swanson - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Bernietta and family: We are so sorry to hear of Keith's passing. We are very appreciative of the day you and Keith took us to Polk, NE to see where Samuel McConnell was buried. May God bless you during this time of loss. Anita and Dave*

Anita and Dave Kucera - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM



“ *Our sympathy to the family. I worked with Keith from 1979 to when he retired from SCS. (Don't remember when). Keith was a great technician, I like to think we solved a lot of soil and water conservation problems during that time. Milt*

Milt, Marlene Kotrc - August 21, 2013 at 05:59 AM