



Merl Wempen

January 21, 2010

Merl O. Wempen, 79, of Kearney died Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Good Samaritan Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 26 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney with Revs. Rob Kuefner and Jack Heck officiating. Interment will be in the Kearney Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, Monday, January 25 at the O'Brien - Straatmann Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the church or the American Diabetes Association. Online condolences or personal reflections may be submitted at osafh.com. O'Brien - Straatmann Funeral Home of Kearney is in charge of arrangements. He was born April 14, 1930 in rural Sumner to Otto and Marion (Morrow) Wempen. He grew up in the Sumner area and attended school in Miller. On July 2, 1950, he married Virginia Lovitt in Phillipsburg, KS. They farmed in the Sumner and Kearney areas. Later he operated a tree and lawn service for 4 years and worked at Kearney State College for 8 years. Before retiring, he drove a mail truck for 17 years. He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Kearney. He enjoyed camping, fishing, gardening, flowers and spending time with his grandchildren. He was determined to keep mowing his lawn even after he lost his leg. Survivors include his wife of Kearney; sons, David of Minden and Jerry and wife Robin of Kearney; daughters, Linda Morgan and husband Del of Minden, Patty Wallace and husband Gaylen of Minden and Angela Runnells and husband Scott of Kearney; sister, June Schnacker of Denver, CO, 18 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. His parents; sister, Dorothy Taylor; daughter, Carol

Wright; brother-in-law, Lyle Schnacker; daughter-in-law, Denise Wempen; and one great granddaughter preceded him in death.

Tribute Wall



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