

Holton, KS

Francis (Kitch-kommie) “Hap” Jensen, 90, of Holton, KS died Nov. 6, 2014 at Stomont Vail Hospital in Topeka.

He was born on Dec. 29, 1923, on the Potawatomie Reservation near Mayetta, KS. He was the son of Mary (Pah-Kish-Ko-Quah) and Viggo Jensen. He attended Miller School on the reservation, Mayetta High School and Kansas City Barber School.

Francis was a Barber for 56 years including 53 years on the north side of the square in Holton. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomie Nation, Evangel United Methodist Church, Jackson County Historical Society, We-Ta-Se Post #410 American Legion serving as Chaplin and Honor Guard, VFW Post #1367 serving as past Commander. He served the community in many ways including coaching Little League Baseball for 15 years, serving as the commissioner for little league, Boy Scout Leader for 15 years, being key in the beginning of Holton High School girls basketball, managing the VFW hospital equipment for many years and a World War II veteran. He was also honored by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce by inducting him into their Hall of Fame.

On May 20, 1949, he married Pauline Johnson of Circleville she preceded him in death. He was also preceded by his parents, and brother and son Mike. Survivors include two sons and their spouses, Dr’s Jack and Allison of Houston, Texas, Dr. Howard and Donna of Wathena, KS, and daughter-in-law Julie of Mayetta, seven grandchildren, five great grandsons, six great granddaughters including his name sake (Mya Frances), a sister Marie Bailey of Topeka, KS, many beloved nieces and nephews and his great friend Betty Wheeler.

Services will be at the E.U.M. Church in Holton at 10:30 a.m. Nov.10, 2014. Burial with military honors, conducted by We-Ta-Se Post #410, will be in the Holton Cemetery with flag presentation by Holton V.F.W.

The family will greet friends from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Sunday at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial contributions be made to the Evangel Methodist Church Youth Fellowship Scholarship Fund c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.