

Fairview, KS

Kenneth (Ken) L. Heiniger, 86 of Fairview died Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at his residence.

Ken was born on July 13, 1928, to William and Helen (Prokop) Heiniger near Seneca, Kansas. He spent his childhood on a farm near Seneca and attended Seneca Public Schools. He graduated from Seneca Public High School and attended Kansas University briefly.

He married his beloved wife, Lou (Louise), on December 26, 1948. They were married 67 years. Ken farmed, milked dairy cows, and managed a beef livestock herd for many years. He completed the 2014 fall harvest in spite of declining health. Besides growing farm crops he loved planting trees and landscaping his huge yard.

Ken enjoyed his family immensely and spent many fun times with them, often at informal gatherings at their home during holidays or the summer. A particular joy for him was going on family snow-skiing trips to Colorado. His last time on skis was at the age of 84.

He was previously a member of the local co-op board, and a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church in Sabetha.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Wilfred Heiniger and Col. Keith Heiniger; and great-granddaughter, Hally Yust. Ken is survived by his wife, Louise (Henninger); brother, Wayne Heiniger; his children: Steve & Sonja (Gedko) Heiniger of River Falls, WI; Janet & Jon Summers of Fairview, KS; and Gail & John Kerwin of Palm Harbor, FL; eight grandchildren: Jenny Yust, Heidi Lynch, Stephanie Barrett, Peter Heiniger, Benjamin Heiniger, Jonathan Heiniger, Matt Summers, and Marc Summers; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Ken was a humble, quiet man of faith; a loving husband, father, and grandfather; and a man of integrity with conservative principles and a dry sense of humor. He appreciated nature and the simple pleasures of life. He will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at the United Methodist Church in Sabetha, Kansas on Saturday, April 18th at 10:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions can be made to: Nemaha County Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 203, Sabetha, KS 66534 or The United Methodist Church, 806 Main Street, Sabetha, KS 66534 sent in care of Popkess Mortuary, 823 Virginia Sabetha, Kansas 66534.

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