

Baldwin City , KS



CMSGT Leland C. "Lee" Whaley USAF (R), 85, of Baldwin City, KS, died late Friday evening, November 27, 2015, at Baldwin City Care Home.

Lee worked most of his career as a technician for the soil conservation service in Brown, Miami, Douglas & Franklin counties. He also served 37 years between the active and reserve U.S. Air Force, retiring as Chief Master Sergeant, and spent considerable extra duty with the Industrial College of the Armed Forces earning two Joint Services Commendations.

He was born in Brown County, August 12, 1930, the son of Ulysses "Uly" and Helen Cheathan Whaley and attended schools here. Lee served two terms on the Baldwin City council and multiple terms on the Douglas County Conservation District Board of Supervisors. He was a charter member of the Lawrence Toastmasters, also the Baldwin City Lions Club. Lee was also a member of the American Legion.

He married Elizabeth "Ann" Field at Ft. Benton, MT, August 20, 1948. She survives.

Lee is also survived by a daughter Karla R. Grosdidier & David Grosdidier of Eudora Kansas; two sons: Darren Whaley & Paulette of Avondale PA, & Mark Whaley of Baldwin City, KS; 6 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Maxine Egner and a sister Mary Lou Shaw.

The family will visit with friends from 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 2, at The Lodge, 502 Ames and Highway 56, Baldwin City, KS.

Graveside services will follow at 3:30 Wednesday, at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha. Reverend Cheryl Misher will officiate. Military honors will be a courtesy of the Brown County Veterans Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions suggested to the Brown County Veterans Honor Guard, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha, KS 66434.

A special message or remembrance may be sent to the family at  
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