

Fairview, KS

Charles Mathias Schaible, 98, Fairview, died February 29, 2016, at Vintage Park in Hiawatha, Kansas.

He was born on the family farm near Fairview, Kansas on September 17, 1917, to Albert and Vera O'Roke Schaible. He went to Fairview grade school and graduated from Fairview High School in 1935. He graduated from the University of Kansas in 1939 with a Bachelor of Science in Business. Following graduation, he was employed in Sweetwater, Texas, as manager of Sears and Roebuck. In 1942 he was called to serve in the US Army during WW II. He was sent to Marshal Island. Because of an urgent health issue he was flown to Honolulu to the hospital. Upon recovery, he took and passed an exam to be a health inspector. This ultimately saved him as most of his 25th Division was killed.

He married Carol Florence Miller of Capioma on March 9, 1946 at Woodlawn Baptist church. They began their life together on the Schaible farm. They were married 64 years. Charles farmed and raised cattle while Carol was a homemaker. He was a member of the Delaware Baptist Church of Fairview and the American Legion Post #322, also of Fairview.

Charles enjoyed following the stock market and investing, and he read The Wall Street Journal daily from cover to cover. He enjoyed planting and raising different varieties of trees, including fruit, nut and oak. Another hobby was experimenting with tree grafting and he was successful in raising a tree that grew half native and half paper shell pecans. For a time, bee-keeping kept him busy.

He was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Vera, wife Carol, brother Alan Schaible, and son Dr. Charles Alan Schaible.

He is survived by his daughter Charlet Carol Schaible, Topeka, daughter-in-law Jane Strahan Schaible, Topeka; and grandchildren, Austin (Ashley) White, Moore, Oklahoma; Christopher (Laura) Schaible, Lenexa; and Sarah (Gatis) Spunde, Laguna Beach, California. He had one great grandchild, Owen Charles White.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 5, at 11:00 am, at the Delaware Baptist Church in Fairview, with Shane Spangler officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Hiawatha.

Friends may call at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday.

The Fairview Community Center has been designated for memorial contributions, and may be sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434. A special message or remembrance may be sent to the family at www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com