

Holton, formerly of Wetmore, KS

Leroy Ed Blocker, 95, of Holton, formerly of Wetmore, died Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at Vintage Park in Holton.

He was born February 1, 1921 at St. Benedict, the son of Clemens A. and Mary E. Levings Blocker.

Ed graduated from Atchison County Community High School at Effingham in 1939. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. While serving he transferred to the Army Air Corps and was discharged from the U.S. Air Force. Ed served on a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber which was shot down. He was captured by the German Army and was held as a prisoner-of-war in Stalag 17B.

After being discharged from the Air Force Ed went into agriculture. He later served as Postmaster at the Wetmore Post Office, retiring in 1979.

He was a former member of St. James Catholic Church in Wetmore, and currently a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church in Holton. He was also a life member of Levick-Barrett Post No. 282 of the American Legion at Wetmore and Holton Memorial Post No. 1367 of the V.F.W., and a member of the Disabled American Veterans and American Ex-POW's.

Ed married Elenora F. Wiltz August 7, 1945 at Fidelity. She died March 4, 2011.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Mary Margaret Blocker and Patricia Blocker, who died in childhood, and Angela Madden and Felicia Boeckmann, and three brothers, Joseph Blocker, Kevin Blocker and James Blocker.

Survivors include three sons, Ronald Blocker and wife, Patricia, Wathena, Robert Blocker and wife, Linda, Gladstone, MO, and Gary Blocker, Topeka; one daughter, Joyce Blocker, Topeka; two brothers, Murty Blocker, Topeka, and Regis Blocker, Lucerne, MO; one sister, Joan Rezac, Emmett; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, three step-great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and one on the way, and one step-great-great grandchild.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 2nd at St. Dominic Catholic Church. Burial with military honors will follow in the Wetmore Cemetery. Ed will lie in state at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton where a Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, followed by visitation until 8:30. Memorials are suggested to St. Dominic Catholic Church, Holton Community Hospital Hospice or the Wetmore American Legion, and may be sent in care of the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, 66436. On-line condolences may be made at www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com.

