

Morrill , KS

Eldon “Red” Carver, 79, of Morrill died Friday, July 15, 2016, with his daughter at his side, after a relatively short battle with cancer.

He was born July 9, 1937, in Humboldt, Neb., to Frederick and Myrtle McAlexander Carver. They moved to Sabetha when he was a young boy, and he spent most of his life in Sabetha. He and his wife Elizabetha moved to Morrill in 1982. He was the youngest of five children — Ladene Arellanes (deceased), Estalene (Babe) Frey of Sabetha, Earl (Jo) Carver of Hiawatha, Maxine (Art) Mira of Ridgemont, Calif., and then Eldon, the redheaded baby of the family. His father passed away when Eldon was 6 years old, and his mother in 1972.

Eldon married Elizabeth Eichelberger Livengood (deceased in 2012) in 1968, and gained a stepson James (Jim) Livengood and a stepdaughter Lauren (Lauri) Livengood. To this union was born a son, Brendon E. Carver.

He graduated from Sabetha High School in 1955 and served in the National Guard and Army Reserves for six years. He was always interested in electronics, and became a talented TV and electronics repairman, mechanic, carpenter, and friendly family handman. He was a ham radio operator for many years. He has been described as a “quiet man who could fix anything patient, peaceful, kind, friendly, steadfast, the best neighbor anyone could ask for,” and definitely the best stepfather a little girl could have. He was a proud step-grandfather four years after he was married, a fact that his wife teased him about while he held his first grandson and grinned. He loved little children, birds, animals, nature and most importantly his family and friends. His son often said, “If everyone on this planet had his temperament and outlook, the world would be a much better place!”

Eldon is survived by a son, Brendan (Becky Gunn) Carver of Albany, Ore.; a daughter, Lauri (Buzz) Cole of Fairview; stepson Jim (OkSun) Livengood of Greeley, Colo.; two grandsons, Jago (Miranda) Livengood of Sabetha and Jody Livengood of Edgewood, N.M.; two granddaughters, Melissa Cole of Somerset, S.D., and Linnea Cole of Horton; a great grandson, Simon Livengood; and a great granddaughter, Jade Livengood; as well as siblings listed above, many nieces and nephews and many friends.

Graveside services are planned for noon on Saturday, July 23 at the Sabetha Cemetery , followed by a small remembrance and brunch get-together at Grace Bible Church in Morrill. Memorial contributions can be made to Nemaha County Home Health and Hospice of Sabetha. Midwest Cremation Society of Topeka is in charge of the remains.