

Onaga, KS

Calvin Coolidge Clay, 92, walked into heaven on February 9, 2017. He was born on November 3, 1924 on his family's farm North of Onaga, Kansas, the son of John and Julia (DuLac) Clay. Calvin graduated from Centralia High School in 1942 and entered the United States Navy as a part of the greatest generation in defense of our freedom during World War II; he served 26 months. After the end of the War he returned to his farming roots.

He married Mary Ellen Page April 13, 1952 at Grove, Kansas North of Silver Lake, she survives. They were blessed with two sons William Ross Clay (Darlene), Yukon, Oklahoma and Robert Nathan Clay (Linda), Rogers, Arkansas and one daughter Daisy Marie Parker (Alexander), Berryton, Kansas. He greatly loved his five grandchildren; Page and Abby Parker, Teresa (Nicholas) Sweet and Michael (Sarah) and David (Jenna) Clay they were the lights of his life. He was blessed to have four great grandchildren Ava Clay, Griffin Clay and Reece and Sarabelle Sweet.

Calvin was preceded in death, by his father and mother (John 1957 & Julia 1983), three brothers; Ross 1941, Lawrence 1990 and Henry 1968 and three sisters; Catherine O'Donnell 2000, Florence Filkin 1998 and Rosemary Stadler 1987. He is survived by one sister Anna Mae Spacek of Topeka, Kansas.

Calvin was a farmer his entire life and was a true Steward of all of God's creatures great and small. He raised cattle until about two years ago and raised pigs in his younger years. Calvin and Mary Ellen also raised dogs for several decades and had some row crops. Calvin was a member of the VFW Post 7772 in Onaga, KS and also a member of the American Legion Post 333 of Havensville, Kansas. He served on the Township board for over six years as a trustee. He spent over fifty years putting up American flags on all service member's graves at the Neuchatel Cemetery for every Memorial Day and some 4th of July and Veteran's Days.

Cremation is planned. Memorial services will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 17th at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Onaga. Burial with military honors will follow in the Neuchatel Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Onaga V.F.W. Post No. 7772 and may be sent in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 312, Onaga, 66521. On-line condolences may be made at [chapeloaksfuneralhome.com](http://chapeloaksfuneralhome.com)

Calvin passed into eternity surrounded by family members and friends in a room overflowing with love. Blessed are those who are pure in heart, for they will see The Lord.