

## Hiawatha, KS

Hiawatha, KS.....Wilbur L. Dean, 94, of Hiawatha, died Thursday evening, May 4, 2017, at Falls City Nursing and Rehabilitation Center where he had been a resident a few days.

Wilbur was born at Sabetha, Kansas, April 14, 1923, one of three children born to Clarence Leslie and Lillian Barnes Dean and attended Washington High School near Kansas City before serving with the U.S. Navy from 1941 until 1947, during which time he served during World War II. He moved to South Dakota to live and work a few years prior to working for the 3M Company where he spent most of his working life before retiring. Wilbur moved to the Hiawatha area in the late 1980's to be near family.

Wilbur made the statement he was Lutheran. He loved to read J.D. Robb books.

Survivors include a brother Orville Dean of Falls City, NE; a sister Pauline Constant near Denver, CO; several nieces and nephews including Debbie Holloway, Terry Dean, both of Falls City, and Jerry Dean of St. Joseph, MO.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother Leland.

Cremation is planned with services planned for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hiawatha, with Pastor Rich Lehmkuhl officiating. Military honors a courtesy of the Brown County Veterans Honor Guard. Private family inurnment will be a Hamlin Cemetery.

The family will meet with friends a half hour prior to services.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Brown County Veterans Honor Guard, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.

A special message may be sent to the family at [www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.chapeloaksfuneralhome.com)