

Formerly Lancaster, KS

Warren “Bud” Harold Pike, 93, formerly of Lancaster, KS died on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at the Atchison Hospital.

Funeral services will be 2:00 pm on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 2017 at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home with Rev. Nancy J Kollhoff officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Atchison KS. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:00 pm on Saturday, Nov. 25th, 2017 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to Atchison United Methodist Church and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be left online at www.beckerdyer.com.

Bud was born on Sept. 20, 1924 in Atchison KS the last of five children of Charles N. and Anna R. (Volk) Pike. He graduated from Atchison High School in 1942 and went into farming. While still farming, he went to work for Pillsbury Mills for 31 years. He was forced to retire from both in 1981 due to a lung disease he had gotten through working at the mill. But his love for farming never died and when his health allowed, he continued to work seasonally for the Buttron Family for several years. They even provided him with an air conditioned cab so he could continue to help them farm!

He was an active member of the United Methodist Church, and took great pride in caring and nurturing the rose garden at the church until his health did not allow him to continue. He and his wife Shirley were two of the founding members of Atchison Hospice and were active in it for several years. He also was a driver for the Cancer Society, driving the elderly to appointments and a volunteer to visit the sick, elderly and widowed. Because of the loss of two of their children, he and his wife formed a support group called the “The Compassionate Friends” for parents who have lost children.

He enjoyed gardening, especially growing tomatoes and cucumbers, for which they were well known for their dill pickles! In 2013, his church family provided him with an elevated garden plot so he could continue to grow his beloved tomatoes when he could no longer bend over to take care of them.

Bud was married to Merle Maxene Moulden on April 20, 1944 in Atchison KS. She preceded him in death on Jan. 19, 1951. He was later married to Shirley (Benshoof) Gorrell on Feb. 10, 1952 at the Farmington Christian Church. Shirley preceded him in death on May 23, 2013, after celebrating 62 years of marriage. Survivors include a daughter Carole (Jim) Wood, Liberty, MO, nineteen grandchildren: Denise (Scott) Claypole, Excelsior Springs, MO, Denny (Lisa) Dooley, Holt, MO, Dawn Teegarden, Kansas City, MO, Deni Gardner, Albany, NY, Donette Stukes, Birmingham, MO, Bryan (Leah) Pike, Crestone, CO, Steve (Fiancée Christina) Craig, Birmingham, MO, Shane (Teresa) Estes, Liberty, MO, Josephine (Jason) Field, Alberta, Canada, and Kristopher Pike, twenty-seven great grandchildren, and 8 great great grandchildren. His parents, two brothers, two sisters, a nephew, two sons, Danny Pike (Sept. 1986) and Dennis Pike (Nov 2008), a daughter, Jeannine Elsmore (Aug. 1988) and a granddaughter, Audra Wyatt

(Nov. 2016) also preceded him in death.