

Seneca, KS

Edward "Ed" Curti, 85, of Seneca died at his residence, surrounded by his wife and son, on May 9, 2018.

Ed was born on February 17, 1933 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island to Henry and Mary Smith Curti. Ed grew up in Pawtucket and attended grade school, graduating from the 8th grade.

Ed was a carpenter, specializing in weather proofing, before he entered the military. On August 16, 1950, he was drafted in the United States Army. His first assignment was with the 9th Infantry Division at Ft. Dix, New Jersey. He was a career soldier spending over 20 years in the service. Ed spent time in Korea, Japan, Germany. Ed earned the rank as an E-7 Staff Sergeant. He started out as a turret artillery soldier and later was a Supply Sergeant. He was decorated with Oak Leaf Cluster 2 O/S Service Bars and many other awards. General W.C. Westmorland General United States Army Chief of Staff signed off on his discharge.

Ed married Luella Haverkamp on July 11, 1959 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Benedict, Kansas. They met while Ed was stationed in Colorado and Luella was visiting her sister, who was a Nurse with the army. After the couple were married, they moved to Rhode Island, as Ed was still in service. They lived there for a short period and always move with him during his service to his country

In 1971, the couple moved to Seneca, and Ed went to work for Elmer Huninghake at Elmer's Service Station on the west end of Seneca. In 1982, Ed started his on-service station on main street, calling it Ed's Service Station. Ed never retired from the business he started, he only recently quit because of his health.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his siblings, Shirley, Henry Jr., Lorene and Fred.

Ed is survived by his wife of 59 years, Luella; a son, Edward Curti, Jr of Seneca; and, a sister Connie Almeida from Cumberland, RI.

He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, St. Joseph Society, the Knights of Columbus Council 1769, Ponce De Leon 4th Degree, the Enlisted Association, Earl W. Taylor Post 21 of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign War Post #7458, and was an usher for many years at Sts. Peter & Paul.

A rosary will be prayed at 2 PM on Friday, May 11, 2018 at Lauer Funeral Home in Seneca. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 AM on Saturday, May 12th at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Seneca. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in St. Benedict.

Memorials are for Sts. Peter and Paul School and or Seneca Veterans Wall and sent in care of the family.

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