

Effingham, KS

Clarence Louis Oswald, 88, Effingham, KS, passed away Monday, September 17, 2018 at the University of Kansas Medical Center surrounded by his family.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 21, 2018 at Coal Creek United Methodist Church, Valley Falls, KS with Rev. Gina Tyler, officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Effingham, KS. A visitation with the family was from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Thursday evening, at the Becker Chapel, 3rd and George St., Effingham. Memorial contributions in memory of Clarence are suggested to the Coal Creek Church or the Effingham Senior Citizens and may be sent in care of the funeral home at 800 Kansas Ave., Atchison, KS 66002. Words of comfort and remembrance may be left online at www.beckerdyer.com.

Clarence was born on August 14, 1930 in Atchison, KS, the son of Willard and Mabel (Cobb) Oswald. He attended District 60 grade school and graduated from Atchison County Community High School (ACCHS) in Effingham. Clarence served in the 439th Engineer Construction Battalion of the US Army during the Korean War, from 1952-1954, building roads and clearing land in Korea. After serving his country, Clarence returned home to the Effingham area where he pursued his passion of farming with his wife, Ethel, by his side. Clarence was a member of the Coal Creek United Methodist Church, American Legion, and served as a 4-H leader; he enjoyed attending reunions with his fellow Army brothers, pheasant hunting, wolf drives, and working on old tractors. Clarence had even won a tractor pull event at the Atchison County Fair with his 1955 – 300 Farmall Tractor. Clarence's greatest joy came from being with his family, whom he loved very much.

Clarence met his future wife, Ethel Grace Lentz, while attending Sunday School at the Coal Creek Church. They were later married on November 1, 1952 at the church.

Clarence is survived by his wife of almost 66 years, Ethel, of the family home in Effingham; his four sons and their families, James (Pamela) Oswald, Effingham, their son, Dustin (Tiffani) Oswald, their children, Parker and Whitaker; Chuck (Sheri) Oswald, Horton, KS, their children, Brian Oswald and Amber (Chuck) Cofield, their twins, Connor and Landon and younger son Efram; Lee (Melinda) Oswald, Effingham, their sons, Derek (Hayley) Oswald and daughter, Valerie, Trevor Oswald; Don (Sara) Oswald, West Branch, IA, and their twin children, Tyler and Rachel Oswald; sister, Helen Weishaar, Effingham.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, Willard and Mabel Oswald; brother, Paul Oswald, and sister, Pauline Weidmaier.