

Valley Falls , KS

Francis Edward “Doc” Sprang, 92, of Valley Falls, KS died Monday, December 24, 2018 at the F.W. Huston Senior Living Center, Winchester, KS.

Masonic service followed by funeral services will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at the O’Trimble Funeral Home, Nortonville, KS with Active Masonie Lodge # 158, and Rev. Jeff Cochran officiating. Burial will follow in the Nortonville Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral services at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to Meals on Wheels of Eastern Kansas, Inc. or Hospice of Jefferson County, and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences to the family can be left online at www.beckerdyer.com.

Francis Edward Sprang was born on February 13, 1926 in Effingham, KS, the only child of W. Bryan and Leota Ada (Binkley) Sprang. Francis grew up on a farm and graduated in 1944 from high school at Atchison County Community High School in Effingham, KS. He was married to Virginia Lee McGrew on September 23, 1945 in Emporia, KS. They lived on the family farm south of Effingham, KS and operated a Holstein dairy for over 25 years. Their registered Holstein-Friesian herds at Fran-Gin Acres became widely known, and they were involved for many years in dairy industry organizations at the county and state level. In 1978, they moved to Valley Falls, KS and a few years later to a property near Boyle, KS. Francis worked for the Weights and Measures Division of the Kansas Board of Agriculture as a small scale inspector for nineteen years until his retirement in 1991. He was a 68-year member of the Masonic Fraternity, Mount Zion Lodge #266, Topeka, KS.

He is survived by a son, Rick and his wife Susan Sprang, Effingham, KS; a daughter, Janet and her husband, Jack Ayres, Scottsdale, AZ; 7 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Virginia; a son, Dennis E. Sprang; and his parents.