

rural Highland , KS



Bobby Dean Twombly, of rural Highland, with family by his side, died Monday, January 7, 2019. He was 79.

A Celebration of Bob's life is planned for 11 a.m. Thursday, January 10, at the Community of Christ in Fanning. Kathy A. Twombly and Angie Cluck will officiate. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Cemetery, Troy.

The family will meet with friends starting at 9:30 Thursday morning at the Church.

Bob was born at Highland, October 11, 1939, the youngest of nine children born to William and Wilma Taylor Twombly. He grew up near Fanning where he attended school through the eighth grade, walking to Sparks to participate in programs. He graduated from Highland High School in 1957 and attended Highland Junior College. In high school, he participated in FFA and football...and to this day, he loved watching football. Bob served four years with the 2nd BN, 130th FA, Kansas National Guard, based in Hiawatha. To say that he had a strong work ethic was vastly understated! He started his work career with Swift & Armour meat processing plant in St. Joseph, MO for a number of years. He had the foresight to venture out on his own and started hauling rock for area farmers, many county roads, and asphalt for highways, including "new " 36 Highway. Not only was he busy hauling rock, he started farming, including raising cattle and hogs.

Mr. Twombly was a lifelong member of the Community of Christ at Fanning.

He married Kathleen Tracy, June 2, 1961, at Fanning. They moved from a single wide trailer to a farm they purchased north of Highland in January 1965.

Survivors include his wife Kathleen of the home, sons Scott, Michael (Judy), Paul (Jodi), daughter Mary Jane Smith (Sherman), a brother William (Beverly) Twombly of Troy, a sister Ruth Turner (Bob) of Independence, MO, 13 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, son Danny, brothers: Sam, Leonard, George, David,

sisters: Wilma Saunders, Jean Johnson, and daughter- in- law Leigh Ann (Blevins) Twombly.

Friends may call at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Highland after 12 noon until 7 Wednesday evening.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Camp Farwesta sent in care of the funeral home, PO Box 33, Highland 66035.