

Effingham, KS

Donald Eugene Wohlgemuth, 89, of Effingham, KS died on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at his home unexpectedly.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, March 13th, 2019 at the Becker Chapel, 402 3rd St, Effingham, KS. The body has been cremated and interment of the cremated remains will follow the service at the Coal Creek Cemetery, North of Valley Falls, KS. The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Valley Falls, KS or to Atchison County Emergency Medical Services and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be left online at [www.beckerdyer.com](http://www.beckerdyer.com).

Don was born on Sept. 3, 1929 in Atchison KS the son of William Henry and Florence Irene (Peak) Wohlgemuth. He attended the Shannon Grade School and graduated from Atchison County Community High School in 1947. He served in the U.S. Army 53 Battalion Signal Corp during the Korean Conflict. Don worked as a carpenter for several construction companies, Robinson, Marsh, Heller and then his own company. He was an active member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Valley Falls, KS where he had served as Secretary of the Church Council for six years. He drove the school bus for ACCHS in Aug. 1945 at the age of 16, he had 59 children he delivered to school from his route. Don was a collector of antique tools and often asked "did you ever see one of these?" He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was a proud photo carrying Grandpa who loved to show pictures of and tell about his grandchildren.

He was married to Mary Claire Reichart on July 31, 1953 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Atchison. She survives of the home in Effingham. Additional survivors include two sons; Kirk (Ruth) Wohlgemuth, Effingham, KS, and Kent (Mary Beth) Wohlgemuth, St. George, KS, two brothers; David (Lucile) Wohlgemuth, McGehee, AR, and Henry "Ike" Wohlgemuth, Sugar Creek, MO, a sister Virginia Glaman, Kansas City, MO, three grandchildren, three step grandchildren, three great grandchildren and six step great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. His parents, three brothers, two infant brothers and Earl Wohlgemuth, and a sister Lorene Boggs, preceded him in death.