

Baileyville, KS

Adrian H. Rottinghaus, 91, of Baileyville, Kansas died on February 12, 2020 at the Nemaha Valley Community Hospital in Seneca.

Adrian was born March 4, 1928 at his parent's rural home northwest of St. Benedict, Kansas, the oldest child of Tony and Nora (Olberding) Rottinghaus. He walked a mile to the one-room county school he attended through 8th grade, then attended and graduated in 1945 from St. Mary's High School, St. Benedict, Kansas.

He farmed and managed livestock with his father and brothers for many years as well as doing custom combining and baling. As a young man he enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping animals for their pelts, bowling, and playing as well as watching talented brothers and cousins play sports. He was drafted into the military in 1955 and after basic training at Fort Riley was stationed at Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. He was assigned to go overseas but the Korean War ended before he deployed. During his military time he was a mechanic working in the motor pool.

On June 7, 1960 he married Mary Ann Stallbaumer at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Benedict, Kansas. After their marriage they made their home north of Baileyville on a farm previously owned by his grandparents and parents. Adrian continued to farm, had a cattle and hog operation and continued to do custom harvesting and repaired most of his machinery himself. Their four children helped with the family operation until they completed college. In 1996, Adrian and Mary Ann moved to Baileyville, and his son and family moved to the family farm. Adrian continued to farm with his son until he was 87 years old, when a severe stroke left him unable to be active in the farm operation. His love of farming never faded ... and he continued to watch and talk about the land, the crops and the machinery as often as possible.

Adrian was a past member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, served on the parish council and as a lay minister until moving to Baileyville in 1996. He was currently a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Baileyville, where he was an active member until his stroke.

Adrian had a great love for the land and weather, enjoyed farming and working with livestock. He spent a lot of time woodworking —making furniture and home updates and repairs, working on machinery large or small, fishing, hunting, and playing cards. He liked traveling through the United States and once in a memorable trip to England. His collections of marbles, bullet pencils and knives were also a great pastime as he got older. He coached summer baseball for many years while his children were playing and especially enjoyed watching his children, and later grandchildren, play sports and participate in other school and summer activities.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony (Tony) and Honora (Nora); and a sister, Joyce Anderson.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Ann; children , Alan (Brenda Fagan)Rottinghaus of

Chicago Brenda (Steve) Smyth of Lenexa, Tim (Jane Mathewson) Rottinghaus of Baileyville, Dan (Emilie Quaison) Rottinghaus of Parkville, Missouri; and ten grandchildren, Patty Rottinghaus, Chris (Sarah Macke) Rottinghaus, Lauren Rottinghaus, Nicole Beal, Connor Rottinghaus, Dustin Rottinghaus, Collin Rottinghaus, Carson Rottinghaus, Sophie Smyth and Ainsley Smyth; and siblings, Marie Eagan of Axtell, Cletus Rottinghaus of Seneca, Lyle Rottinghaus of Seneca, Jerry Rottinghaus of Bern, Emmett Rottinghaus of Westmoreland, Galen Rottinghaus of Seneca, Eldon Rottinghaus of Ozawkie, Ivan Rottinghaus of Seneca and Edna Urquhart of Silver Lake.

Rosaries will be prayed at 2 & 7 PM on Sunday, February 16th at Lauer Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 AM on Monday, February 17, 2020 at Sacred Heart Church in Baileyville. Burial in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be left in Adrian's memory to Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, sent in care of the family.

Lauer Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. To express your sympathy and for more information visit www.lauerfuneralhome.com .