

Sabetha, KS

Wilbur Earl Kyle died on March 22, 2014, at the Sabetha Hospital, at the age of 90. He was born August 1, 1923, in Sabetha. He was the third of eight children born to Earl and Rosetta (Fisher) Kyle. He graduated from Sabetha High School in 1941 before entering the U.S. Army. He served from Feb. 24, 1943, to Feb. 1, 1946, as an amphibian tractor driver and a machine gun expert in the southern Philippines. He went to the armored school of Ft. Knox in Kentucky for tank mechanics. He received a Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star, a good conduct medal, and a bronze arrowhead.

He married Jean Pearl Pasco on April 6, 1946. They were married for 59 years. They had three sons, Thomas Earl, Donald Ray, and Carl Wilbur.

During his life, Wilbur had many occupations including electrician, carpenter, cream-truck driver, Sabetha light company employee, and welder.

Jean and Wilbur were lifelong members of the Sabetha Saddle Club. They enjoyed raising, training, and riding horses and bred Dachshunds.

Jean preceded him in death May 21, 2005. He was also preceded by parents Earl and Rosetta; an infant brother; his son, Don Kyle; sisters, Mildred and Donna; brothers, James, Dale, and Walter; and an infant granddaughter. He was followed in death by his sister Emma.

He is survived by Tom and Lynn Kyle of Columbus, Miss., Carl and Jeri Kyle of Lexington, Neb., Don's widow, Sheryl, of Rapid City, S.D.; six grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his friends and caregivers at the Sabetha Manor.

Services will be held Saturday, June 21, at 10:00 a.m. at Popkess Mortuary Chapel in Sabetha. Inurnment will be at the Sabetha Cemetery with military services by the Sabetha V.F.W. Post #7285. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorial donations to the Sabetha Saddle Club sent in care of Popkess Mortuary 823 Virginia Sabetha, Kansas 66534.

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