

Horton, KS

William Wright Knouse, 92, of Horton, Kansas, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 20, 2015 at his home with his loving wife Dorothy by his side. He was born on November 13, 1922 at home in the Hickory Grove neighborhood the son of William and Inis Wright Knouse. Bill, spent his early years on his family's farm located northwest of Horton. Bill attended Hickory Grove School. Graduated from Horton High School in 1940. He then attended trade school and took a position with Boeing in 1942. Bill entered the military service in 1943, where he was stationed in Fort Knox, KY as a gunnery instructor and tank commander. As a sergeant, Bill was deployed to Korea for a six month term prior to his honorable discharge, where he received several medals. On July 3, 1945 he married Dorothy Campion, of Powhattan in a small service at the Baptist parsonage. After his discharge from the service, he went on to receive a Bachelor of Administration from the Kansas State University in 1949. Bill then returned to Horton to assist his father in the accounting and insurance business, and worked there until taking a postal position in February of 1954. He held various positions until becoming postmaster in December 1962 and was confirmed by John F Kennedy in October 1963. Where he held the position until retiring in late 1972. After retiring he was able to devote a full time basis to the accounting business for over 50 years. As a hobby turned to a passion of 35 years that he shared with Dorothy, he bought restored and sold over 800 various clocks. That took them around the country and the world. His other passion was community involvement including the International Clock Association, Kiawanas and the Brown County Fair Association as three of the most actively involved in. "WW" led a very long and successful life. As Dorothy always said, he was "very special". Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Knouse of the home; two sisters, Mary Ivane Robinson of Midwest City, Oklahoma and Vada Kletchka of Horton, Kansas; numerous nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Dan Knouse. Funeral services will be at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, February 23, 2015 at the Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary in Horton, Kansas where the family will greet friends on Monday from 12:30 until service time. Burial will be at the Horton City Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to Brown County Fair Association in care of the mortuary. Special message may be sent to the family at www.dishon-maple-chaney.com