

Nortonville, KS

**Donald Milton Cowley, 94, of Nortonville, KS died Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the Atchison Medicalodge. Funeral services will be 2:00 pm on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 2020 at the Nortonville Pleasant Grove Christian Church with Rev. Jim Cormode officiating. Burial will follow in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Effingham, KS. The family will receive friends from 12:30-2:00 pm on Saturday at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Atchison County 4 H Scholarship Fund or the Nortonville Pleasant Grove Christian Church and may be sent in care of the Becker-Dyer-Stanton & O'Trimble Funeral Homes who is handling the arrangements. Condolences to the family may be left online at [www.beckerdyer.com](http://www.beckerdyer.com).**

**Don was born on December 1, 1925 in Nortonville, KS the son of John Robert and Lois Laura (Leighton) Cowley. He was proud of his family heritage and especially his lineage with the Isle of Man. He attended the Clingon Grade School and Atchison County Community High School. He worked his entire life as a farmer and was born, raised and still lived on the place he was born. He was a member and former Deacon of the Nortonville Pleasant Grove Christian Church and enjoyed collecting antiques, working on old hit & miss gas engines, old cars, tractors, he enjoyed boston terriers, raising cattle and hogs and in his younger years sheep in 4-H. He was a member of 4-H until he was 21 years old and was one of the first recipients of the set of silverware given by Blair Milling for the Outstanding 4-H member. Don had driven the "Friend of 4-H" in the Atchison County Fair for 17 years. He served on the Pleasant Grove Cemetery Association for over 65 years.**

**Don was married to Pearl N. Locklin on Aug. 1, 1948 at the Nortonville Pleasant Grove Christian Church, they have been married for 71 years. She survives of the home. Additional survivors include a special nephew, Jack Jarratt, Kansas City, KS, numerous other nieces and nephews. His parents, a brother, Robert Cowley, and a sister, Eileen Jarratt, preceded him in death.**