



R. Gerald Fraser

January 12, 2016

R Gerald Fraser, 91, of McPherson, Kansas, passed away at 9:23 a.m., Tuesday, January 12th, while in the company of family members, at McPherson Health And Rehab. Ralph Gerald Fraser, 91, passed away Tuesday, January 12, at McPherson Care Home and Rehabilitation Center following a brief illness. Gerald joins his loving wife of 55 years, Pat, who passed away on June 22, 2001. Gerald was born on July 13, 1924, at the family farm home in Belleville and attended Belleville Center School through the eighth grade. He graduated from Belleville High School in 1942. He attended Kansas State College in the fall of 1942 and, at age 19, enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps on December 14, 1942. He was called to active duty on April 3, 1943. Gerald completed pilot training and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in June 1944. After additional multi-engine aircraft training, he and his crew flew their B-17G from Boca Raton, Florida, to Chelveston, England, via several stops, including Iceland. Gerald and his crew flew 27 combat missions over Germany and Czechoslovakia, all before he was 21 years old. Gerald returned to the U.S. and wasted no time making future arrangements with Pat. Gerald and Pat were married in Belleville on September 22, 1945, and returned to California, where Gerald completed active service. He was released from active duty in 1946. He returned to Belleville and farmed until the late 1950s, when he joined the Belleville co-op as a manager. He and the family moved to Concordia in 1961 and Gerald managed the co-op's fertilizer division until 1973, when he accepted the job as general manager of the Kensington Co-op. Gerald retired in 1986 and he and Pat moved to McPherson. Gerald and Pat were active members of the First United Methodist Church in McPherson and several bridge clubs. Gerald was a member of the church choir, the American Legion, the Lions Club, sang baritone with the Light Capital Singers and continued playing bridge throughout his retirement. He was an incorrigible tinkerer who loved to spend time on the computer and record big-band music with his multiple DVD and VHS recorders. He loved golfing and continued through his 90th birthday. Gerald was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Eadie Fraser and Lela Cora Fraser; his wife, Patricia Ann; a brother, Ray Fraser, a sister, Mary Bruchie; and a daughter-in-law, Kathi Fraser. Survivors include: his sister, Ruth Wilber (Charles); three sons: Michael Fraser (Jeanie), John Fraser (Ruth) and Gary Fraser (Steve Schoenecker); four

grandchildren: Mark Fraser (Anne); Ann Miller (Scott); Sarah Fraser and Kate Fraser; and four great-grandchildren: Kalen Fraser, Eric Fraser, Jarrod Miller and Hailey Miller. Gerald also is survived by his beloved and faithful companion, Hansel (Hans) the dachshund. Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. with family present from 5 to 7 p.m., on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at Glidden - Ediger Chapel, McPherson, Kansas. The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 15, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church, McPherson, Kansas with Reverend Quentin Bennett officiating. The congregation will sing Hymn # 117 "Oh God, Our Help In Ages Past" with Brett Valliant accompanying. Special music "In The Mood", a Patriotic Medley and "Wild Blue Yonder" will be played by organist, Brett Valliant. Military honors will be presented by members of the American Legion Post 24 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2715 both of McPherson. The graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 15, 2016 at the Belleville Cemetery, Belleville, Kansas with Pastor Harold E. Nelson officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church McPherson or the McPherson County Humane Society and they can be sent in care of the Glidden - Ediger Funeral Home; 222 West Euclid Street; McPherson, Kansas 67460.

Comments



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of sorrow. Gerald was a classmate of mine, Evelyn, and long time friend.

Evelyn Davidson, Bob & Jan Kadel - March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary and family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Your folks were both fine people and raised great sons as well. I know your dad will be missed. Thinking of you.

Mike Rader - March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary and Family, Sorry for your loss. I remember your Dad as a very pleasant and true gentleman. May God\\'s peace give you comfort. Your childhood neighbor, Steve Stutheit

Steve Stutheit - March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Gerald\\'s passing. We always enjoyed visiting with him when we would see him at church and church activities. Brad, Darla and Cheyann Williams

Guest - March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello to all. I am so sad about the passing of my old friend but glad he was ready to go meet the Lord. I will be thinking of you all on Friday and praying for God\\'s peace for each of you. Love you, Lisa

Lisa Simpson - March 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM