

William Myles Abbott



RESIDENCE HISTORY: Bill was a lifelong resident of Ottawa. **EDUCATION:** Bill attended Tawney Grade School and Ottawa High School. He received his G.E.D. in 1945 while in the Army. **OCCUPATION & BUSINESS:** He worked at Weidner`s Service Station; Ottawa Co-op; Ford`s Parts; Coleman & Morgan Construction in the early 1960`s; maintenance at Ottawa University sixteen years, in the mid 1960`s to late 1970`s; Duke Manufacturing in the late 1970`s to 1989; Mr. C`s Hardware as a sales clerk in the early 1990`s; and maintenance at Park Place Apartments from 1999 to 2004, all in Ottawa. He also remodeled houses with his son, Garry, and grandson, Josh, in 2004 and 2005. **GOVERNMENT SERVICE:** Bill served as Private 1st Class and Signaller in the United States Army. **MEMBERSHIPS:** He was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Ottawa, serving as an Elder. In earlier years, Bill sang in the Church choir and taught

a Sunday School class. He was a square dance caller forty-two years, and member of the N.E.K. Caller`s and Kansas State Caller`s Association. He and his wife started four area square dance clubs, Kuntry Kuzzins, Guys & Gals, Frontier Twirlers and Sunflower Steppers. He taught square dancing at Ottawa University four years, and also taught for the Rambling Ranchers 4-H Club, and Ottawa Promenaders. He was also active in Boy Scouts. **MARRIAGE:** On October 19, 1947, Bill was united in marriage with Geraldine L. Graffham at the Church of the Brethren, in Ottawa. They celebrated fifty-seven years of marriage. She survives of their home. **SERVICES:** Funeral services will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ottawa, 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 7, 2005. **IN STATE:** Friends may pay their respects to Mr. Abbott at the Dengel & Son Mortuary after 9:00 a.m. Tuesday to the service hour, where the family will meet with friends 7 to 8:00 Tuesday evening. **CEMETERY:** Highland Cemetery, Ottawa, Kansas. **MEMORIALS:** The family suggests memorials to Westminster Presbyterian Church, c/o Dengel & Son Mortuary, 235 S. Hickory, Ottawa, Kansas 66067. Condolences may be e-mailed to the family through dengelmortuary@sbcglobal.net.