

## **LOREN CANTRELL**

Loren Cantrell passed away Oct. 11, 2012, at Kansas City Hospice House.

Funeral Services are planned for 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15, 2012, at Grace Community Fellowship Church, 501 S. Poplar St., Ottawa, Kan. Family will meet with friends at 1 p.m. Monday. Friends may pay respects to Mr. Cantrell 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012 at Dengel & Son Mortuary. Interment is expected to follow at Highland Cemetery, Ottawa.

Loren was born Tuesday, Feb. 10, 1931, the fourth of five children born to Robert and Madge Cantrell in Joplin, Missouri.

Loren was united in marriage to Lorene Sloan, Pleasant Hill, Mo., on March 4, 1954. The couple had two children, Kenneth and Linda. Lorene passed away in 1969.

Loren was united in marriage with Helen Jones Brown, originally from Osceola, Mo., May 15, 1970. Helen had three daughters, Cheryl, Karen and Sandra, from a previous marriage. The family moved to the Ottawa area in 1972. The children attended school in Pomona, Williamsburg and Ottawa High School.

Loren attended school in Joplin, Mo., and graduated from Midland High School in Midland, Mich.

He earned a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University with a major in accounting and economics. He earned a master of business administration from University of Missouri.

Loren served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

Loren worked as a corporate accountant in the 1960s through the 1980s, specializing in converting manual accounting systems to data processing systems. He retired from Sprint after 20 years. Upon retirement, he established a private accounting and tax preparation firm in Olathe, serving the Olathe and Johnson County area. Loren was a substitute teacher for the Ottawa school district, as well as other surrounding school districts for the past 10 years.

Loren was a member of Grace Community Fellowship and the Ottawa Kiwanis. Loren was a much-loved Sunday school teacher at the Ottawa Church of the Brethren for many years, as well as providing leadership to various church organizations. He served on the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity of Franklin County. He was an active square dancer in the Ottawa Promenaders and Happy Times Squares in Lawrence.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Cantrell, of the home; son, Kenneth Cantrell and his wife, LaDonna, Ponca City, Okla.; daughters, Linda Hess and her husband, Steve, Andover, Kan., Cheryl Brown Griest and her husband, Denton, Ottawa, Kan., and Sandy Brown Payne and her husband, Don, Pomona, Kan.; son-in-law, Freeman Thomas, Lane; sisters, Suzy Johnson and her husband, Jim, Edmonds, Wash., and Jean Stearns, Grand Rapids, Mich.; grandsons, Justin Griest, and his wife, Katie, and daughter, Charlotte, Chad Thomas, Shawn Spencer and Kale Payne; granddaughters, Kelsey Griest, and her son, Kamden, Lani Thomas and her fiancé, Mike Myer, Alyssa Spencer and Hauna Payne; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Madge (Hood) Cantrell; daughter, Karen Brown Thomas; and sisters, Bess Sigsby and Robbie Glazer. The family suggests memorial contributions to Grace Fellowship Building Fund or to the USD 290 Scholarship Fund through Dengel & Son Mortuary, 235 S. Hickory St., Ottawa KS 66067.

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