

Obituary of Fred. J. Elyea

Fred J. Elyea, 84, born to John and Agnes (Rieke) Hess, and later adopted at an early age by Samuel Edwin "S.E." and Hazel Celeste (Manion) Elyea, was born November 27, 1936 in Belleville, Kansas and passed away on December 10, 2020 at his home in rural Belleville, Kansas.

Fred grew up in Belleville, KS and graduated from Belleville High School. He served with the U. S. Army National Guard and worked for Max Scofield for 6 years farming and then was a supervisor for DHIA Milk test for two years. Fred worked then for Archie Brewer milking cows for 2 years and later with Larry Walter in the dairy. He then started his own dairy farm and farming operation, he retired after 52 years and was the last remaining dairy farmer in Republic County.

On June 16, 1957, he was united in marriage to Audrey C. Forshee and to this union was born: Jim, Kent, Cyndi, Mark and Gina.

Fred served on the ABA, DHIA and REA Boards. He also was a member of the Dairy Farmers of America and the First United Methodist Church, Belleville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, June Scofield, Julianne Sifers, Betty Allen, Blanche McCall, Laura Dorman, Gladys Moline, and brothers, Keith Elyea, Doyle Elyea, Hugh Elyea, and Stanley Hess.

Fred is survived by his wife Audrey C. Elyea of Belleville, KS; children: Jim (Dara) Elyea of Belleville, KS, Kent (Charlene) Elyea of Hartley, Iowa, Cyndi Elyea of Omaha, NE, Mark (Tina) Elyea of Greenwood, NE, and Gina (Duffy) Strnad of Belleville, KS; 8 grandchildren: Mysti Schiessler, Crystal Guerrero, Calvin Guerrero, Derek Elyea, Kirsten Elyea, Waylon Sheetz, Tara Sasse, and Tiffany Herbek; 6 great grandchildren: Dylan Schiessler, Dashiell Schiessler, Noah Martinez, Tynleigh Sasse, Kashtyn Sasse, and Remingtyn Sasse; one sister, Ardith Stone of Eugene, Oregon; other relatives, and friends.

Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or Meadowlark Hospice.

Online condolences at www.bachelor-surber.com

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, Belleville, KS is in charge of the arrangements.

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FUNERAL SERVICE

First United Methodist Church
Belleville, Kansas
Tuesday, December 15, 2020
2:00 P.M.

OFFICIATING

Reverend Sang Hak Lee

MUSICIANS

Tana Trost-Accompanist
John Surber-Vocalist

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Congregational Song- "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"
Vocal Solo- "The Lord's Prayer"
Congregational Song- "Home on the Range"

CASKET BEARERS

Calvin Guerrero Derek Elyea Waylon Sheetz
David Swiercinsky Mike Allen Aaron Weber

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Don Wilber Charlie Wilber Myron Runft
Frankie Sis Keith Larson Kevin Larson

INTERMENT

Pleasant Hill Cemetery



*God saw he was getting tired,
And a cure was not to be.
So He put his arms around him.
And whispered, "come with me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched over him,
And saw him fade away.
Although we couldn't bear to lose him,
We could not bid him stay.*

*A Golden heart stopped beating.
Hard working hands laid to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.*

