

WELLINGTON – Edsel Lee King, 87, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013 at the Kansas Veterans Home in Winfield.

He was born March 9, 1926, to John and Nora (Lawder) King in Liberal.

He married Carole Leaming Aug. 18, 1946, in Liberal. She preceded him in death.

He served during World War II in the United States Navy. He worked for 33 years as a soil and water conservationist. He later sold real estate for several years and retired in 1981.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Wellington, where he had served as an elder.

He also belonged to the Masonic Lodge where he was a York Rite Mason and Master Mason. He was a past worthy patron with the Order of the Eastern Star. He was also a past commander of the Wellington Wheatwackers and a member of the Midian Shrine in Wichita. He drove a hospital van through the Shrine organization to transport children to Missouri. He later belonged to the American Legion Tom Schwinn Post No. 90 in Wellington.

He enjoyed tinkering around with various handyman projects. He also loved to go camping and fishing.

Survivors include his sons, John King (Barbara), Orlando, Fla., and Denis King (Susan), Chicago; his daughters, Sandra King, Wellington, and Carolyn Cauthon (Rick), North Richland Hills, Texas; sister, Bessie L. Strickland, Tulsa, Okla.; grandchildren; Eric Heckart, Wichita, Michelle Trimble (Ray), St. Peters, Mo., Philip Cauthon (Sarah), Lawrence, Susanne Forbes (Cory), Iowa City, Iowa, Brian King (Kirsten), Winter Park, Fla., Tony King (Kelly), Orlando, Scott King (Krista), Tampa, Fla., and Jason Cotner, Broken Arrow, Okla.; and great-grandchildren, Anthony Heckart, Lorna Trimble, Corrina Trimble, Marty Trimble, Travis

Trimble, Alexander Cauthon, Owen Forbes, Quinn Forbes, Madison King, Tate King, Spencer King, Carson King, Eli King and Sadie Cotner

He was also preceded in death by his parents, brother, Donald D. King, infant brother, William A. King, sister, Joyce Ann Cain, and a granddaughter, Susan Heckart.

• Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church, 123 West 9th Street, Wellington.

Burial will follow at the Sumner Memorial Gardens, Wellington.

Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at Day Funeral Home, with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to the Wellington Masonic Lodge No. 150 AF&AM or the First Christian Church and may be mailed or left with the funeral home.

To share a memory or leave condolences, visit www.dayfuneralhome.info.