Everette W. Kahl

In memory of Everette W. Kahl who passed away on August 29, 2009 at age 99. The son of Fredrick and Hermine Fett Kahl was born in rural Hardin County, Iowa near Buckeye on November 15, 1909.

His first eight grades of education were in a one room school near the family farm. They moved to Nevada, Iowa where he attended high school graduating in 1927. After working for Bridgeton Aircraft at Lambert Field, St. Louis and receiving flying instructions he returned to Nevada, Iowa starting as a lineman repairman for the local telephone company. A long career in the telephone industry covered 47 years, serving in various capacities in Iowa, Nebraska, and Missouri with a final position being Vice President of GTE (Verizon) of the Midwest.

They moved to Columbia in 1962 and retired in 1974. He was a member of several business and social organizations on a local, state and national level, the Columbia Rotary Club as a recipient of the Paul Harris and Tom Botts awards. Virginia Witmer Keefe became his wife on December 5, 1936 now deceased.

They are the parents of two children, Nancy McKee, now deceased and Stephen Kahl of Rockwall Texas, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive. Beside his parents he was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and two brothers.

Private graveside service will be held at Memorial Park Mausoleum. Memorial visitation and celebration of life reception will be held in mid November to celebrate his 100th birthday. Specific arrangements will be announced at a later date.

Tributes can be left online at www.memorialfuneralhomeandcemetery.com

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