

Kent Lee Sandell



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Kent Lee Sandell, 66, of Grass Lake, Mich., formerly of Polk and Lincoln, Neb., died in a vehicle accident at Locust Grove, Okla., on Friday, Jan. 9, 2009.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 15, at First Baptist Church in Polk with the Rev. Roger Burke officiating. Condolences may be sent to the family at soltfh.com.

He was born in Stromsburg on June 20, 1942, to Wallace and Sylvia Fossberg Sandell. He grew up in Polk and graduated from Polk High School in 1959. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1960 to 1964. He then attended Kearney State College and earned his aviation pilot's license, after which he flew professionally for several years.

On July 29, 2004, he was married to Karla Criswell Long, formerly of Grinnell, and they made their home in Lincoln. After retiring from Duncan Aviation, they moved to Grass Lake, Mich. He was a member of American Legion Post #3 in Lincoln for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, Karla Sandell of Grass Lake; two stepsons, James Nicholas Long of Arlington, Texas, and Kevin Criswell Long of Coralville; his brother Neal Sandell of Polk and his sister Diane Hanke of Palmer. He was preceded in death by his parents.