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Don Durant - Jewell

Don Durant, 85, passed away December 28, 2016, at Presbyterian manor in Salina, Kansas .

He was born July 5, 1931, the only child of Bryant & Eva (Wilson) Durant in rural Jewell , Kansas. Don always loved horses and rode a horse to rural grade school. He graduated from Jewell High School.

While attending Brown Mackie in Salina, he met Candace Beineke, who became his wife on December 21, 1952. They were married in the 9th Street Evangelical United Brethren Church, Salina, KS. Don joined the Army spending most of his time at Fort Riley, KS. Don spent his life raising cows and calves and farming west of Jewell, KS in Jewell County. He also worked at Jewell Implement Co. and served on cemetery, USD 279, and Beloit Vo-tech boards and did other volunteer work.

His membership at Trinity United Methodist Church in Jewell, Kansas was important to him. Don liked many outdoor activities, including hunting, fishing, and horseback riding. He was a member of Jewell Masonic Lodge #11 and the American Legion-Post 72.

Don is survived by wife Candace, of Salina, son Dirk (Naomi) Durant of Lindsborg, daughter Dotty (Jerry) Baxa, of Salina, daughter Jackie (Ernie) Navarro of Walnut, California, daughter Rhonda (Kyle) Crawford of Hutchinson; grandchildren Arian (Abraham) Smith, Matthew (Ann) Baxa, Tiffany Navarro, Taylor and MacLain Crawford; great-grandchildren Elijah, Isaac, and Lydia Smith, and Jonah Baxa.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 am, Dec. 31, 2016, at Trinity United Methodist Church, Jewell, KS, with inurnment of Don's ashes following at Jewell Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be given to Trinity United Methodist Church.

Kleppinger Funeral Home, Jewell, KS. Is handling arrangements.