



Charles Bonte

September 28, 1925 - July 12, 2007

Charles Joseph Bonte, Sr. died July 7, 2007 at his home in Wakarusa, Kansas. He was born September 28, 1925 in Hanover, Kansas, the son of Mary Margaret Brenner Bonte and Charles Conrad Bonte. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He served in the United States Army from October 1945 to June 1947 and was honorably discharged. He worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for 43 years. He was a member of Local 6887 of the Transportation International Union Affiliated with the AFL-CIO 7CLS. He attended St. John's School and Hanover High School in Hanover, Kansas. He married Madelyn May Cawood on August 6, 1949 in Topeka, Kansas. Survivors include his wife, Madelyn M. Bonte at home, and a son, Charles Joseph Bonte Jr. of Topeka, Kansas and a daughter, Janette Anne Gere of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, two grandsons – Robert Joseph Gere of Fort Walton Beach, Florida and Christopher Charles Gere of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and one great granddaughter, S. Annette Gere of Fort Walton Beach, Florida and a granddaughter, Robyn A. Bonte of Topeka, Kansas and Janet Chamberlain, Anne Frost, Erin, Destiny and Emma, and Kevin Chamberlain and Stephanie. Preceding him in death are his parents, Charles C. and Mary M. Bonte; two sisters, M. Josephine Treinen and Margaret E. Matscher, two brothers, Lawrence G. Bonte and Clarence J. Bonte, and a granddaughter, Jayne Anne Bonte. Mr. Bonte will lie in state after 2:00 pm, Wed. July 11 at the Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW. Urish Rd. Topeka, Kansas 66614. Graveside services will be held at 1:30 pm Thurs July 12 at Mt. Hope

Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to Midland Hospice Care and sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Bonte*

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“ *I miss you already. I know that you are not my real grandpa or grandma. But you treated me and my family like yours. You accepted my girls like members of your family. And you showed us love and support over the years. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything that you have done for us over time. You turned out to be my grandpa and grandma in every way. And I love you just like I love my own grandparents. You have become a big part of my family and even become my family. Thank you and I love you.*

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