



Donald E. Melchior

January 1, 1935 - June 21, 2011

Donald Eugene Melchior, 75, Topeka, died Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at Brookside Retirement Community, Overbrook KS. Don was born Aug. 14, 1935 in Topeka, the son of Joseph and Violet Niedens Melchior. He attended St. Joseph Grade School and graduated from Hayden High in 1953. He served our country in the US Army from 1954-1957. On Feb. 3, 1962, Don and Dorothy K. Strecker were united in marriage at Holy Name Church. They enjoyed over 49 years together. Don was employed by Santa Fe Railway (BNSF) from 1955 until he retired in 1990. At retirement he served as manager of office administration in research and development. He was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Church, Knights of Columbus Council No.534 and the James W. Gibbons Fourth Degree Assembly. Survivors include his wife, Dottie K. Melchior, Topeka; children, Dan Melchior (Julie), Lenexa KS, Diana Lee (Larry), Norman OK and Debi Meier (Todd), Topeka; 11 grandchildren, Lauren, Evan and Nathan Melchior, Joshua, Matthew, Maria and Nora Lee, and Malory, Audrey, Kyle and Allyson Meier. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, William and Bob Melchior. Family will greet friends from 5 p.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614, until 7:30 p.m. when a parish rosary will be prayed. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Sat. at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to Hayden High, Most Pure Heart of Mary Church and St. Joseph Church, sent in care of Kevin Brennan

Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald E. Melchior*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear Dottie K, Dan, Diana and Debi, I know this is a very difficult time for you all and I pray that God hold you and your families in the Palm of His Hand now and always. I regret that I will not be able to see any of you this weekend due to a commitment out of town, but my thoughts and prayers are definitely with you all. Debi, Cory asked me to convey his condolences as well. God Bless Mary Beth*

Mary Beth Brennan - June 24, 2011 at 05:31 PM



“ *Dottie and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as Don makes his way to heaven to be with his parents and brothers. Don was a very special friend of mine, especially during High School and both our love of Hot Rods and dragging the avenue. I still remember when he purchased his first car, a black 1934 coupe and the hours we spent keeping it running. May God watch over all of you. I will be unable to attend the services , Doctors appointments .*

Pete Artzer - June 24, 2011 at 03:56 PM