



Edward Joseph O'Dowd

September 3, 1936 - March 18, 2007

Edward Joseph O'Dowd, 70, Topeka KS, died Sunday, March 18, 2007 at home, surrounded by family. He was born September 3, 1936 in Boston, Mass., to Celia and Edward G. O'Dowd. Ed served as a Specialist E-4 in the United States Army as a teletype operator from 1959 to 1961. Ed started his food service management career in San Antonio TX and transferred to Kansas in 1966 where he managed several college food services. After his retirement from the food management industry, Ed drove Bus #62 for Auburn-Washburn School District #437. He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise Maxine O'Dowd in 2005. They were married on September 26, 1963. Ed is survived by two daughters, Kathryn O'Dowd, Topeka, and Kelly Galbraith, Auburn; two sons, Mark Lehmann, Lawrence, and Ronald Lehmann, Topeka; a step-mother Doris O'Dowd, Manomet, MA; two brothers, David O'Dowd, Norwell, MA, and Robert O'Dowd, Ocala, FL; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Ed will lie in state on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., where the family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Cremation will follow the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Hospice, 200 S.W. Frazier Circle, Topeka 66606.

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Joseph O'Dowd*

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“ *Kelly,*

I am sorry to hear about your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Your friend,
Dena Brake*

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