



## Rolla Lusk Goodyear

December 23, 1918 - July 17, 2011

Rolla Lusk Goodyear, 92, died July 13, 2011. Rolla was born on December 23, 1918, to William and Leona Lusk Goodyear, the youngest of 8 children. He graduated from Bushong High School and Strickland Business School in Topeka. Rolla served as a corporal in the 2nd infantry division from July 7, 1941 to September 30th 1945, in the European Theater, participated in D-Day invasion on Omaha Beach landing on day two and in the Battle of the Bulge. He received the Bronze Star and was honorably discharged. Rolla married Betty I. Olson on April 5, 1946 and remained faithful to her until her death on July 20, 1999. He worked in banking and farming, starting his career at Merchants National Bank in Topeka, then running the Reading State Bank in Reading, KS for nine years until he purchased Security State Bank of Auburn in 1960 and ran it until he retired to farming in 1983. Rolla was instrumental in the incorporation of Auburn and bringing in city of Topeka water, a sewer system and natural gas to the Auburn community. He was a founding member of the Auburn Lions Club which sponsored the establishment of the Auburn Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of the mounted patrol of the Topeka Arab Shrine. Rolla was a member of Dover Federated Church. Rolla was part of that “greatest generation” who sacrificed much and worked hard. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was preceded in death by his parents, his seven siblings and his wife of 53 years. He is survived by his children Lynda Kay Gimple (Kenneth), Topeka; Peggy Ann Caton (Bill) Auburn; and Rolla William Goodyear (Lisa), Southlake, TX; 8

grandchildren, Ryan, Stephen, Jennifer and Josie Gimple; Jerrod and Joshua Caton; Adam Goodyear and Ashly Goodyear- Pauley; and 5 great grandchildren. There will be a family visitation on Sunday July 17, 2011 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd., Topeka KS 66614. Funeral service will be 1:30 p.m. Monday, July 18, 2011 at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Dover Federated Church or Topeka Rescue Mission sent in care of the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rolla Lusk Goodyear*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My prayers are with you all. Rolla was very instrumental in my involvement in Auburn along with his entire family. Peace be with you all.*

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**Fred Biesemeyer** - July 21, 2011 at 04:17 PM



“ *Lynda, Peggy and Rolla - Your dad was one of the persons that we truly felt privileged to know and respect. I have fond memories of babysitting for you Lynda and Peggy when your folks were working at the Reading State Bank. They were a joy to work for and with. Also, the guidance and encouragement they gave us as we graduated from high school was greatly appreciated. Your families are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Garold & Linda Smith** - July 16, 2011 at 05:30 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May your wonderful memories carry you thru this time.*

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**viola and ralph serrano** - July 16, 2011 at 01:57 PM



“ *You have my heart-felt sympathy for the loss of your Father. May you find peace with time.*

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**Richard Rosenholtz** - July 16, 2011 at 09:20 AM

MH

“ Lynda, Peggy, Rolla and families - you are all in our thoughts and prayers as you mourn the loss of Rol. He was so good to us throughout our years here in Auburn. We will remember him fondly and thank God that we were blessed to know him and his wonderful family.

*Love you all.*

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**Mike and Sharon Heitman** - July 15, 2011 at 04:22 PM

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“ *If a man should die, can he live again?*

*Hear the promise God has made.*

*He will call.*

*The dead will answer.*

*They shall live at His command.*

*For He will have a longing.*

*For the work of His own hand*

*All those who in God's memory stay.*

*From death (sleep) He will awaken.*

*Job 14:13-15*

*John 6:40*

*John 11:11,43*

*John 5:28,29*

*Rev 20:13*

*And the sea gave up those dead in it.*

*Rev 21:4*

*And He will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.*

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**Lorraine Denson** - July 15, 2011 at 02:21 PM

GC

“ I love the picture you chose...Betty was in an aqua-ex class that I led at the YMCA. I met Rolla through her. A dear couple, spent some time at their home in Maple Hill a few afternoons. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. They are together in the place we all "work" to get to.

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**Glenda (Smith Counsellor)Senne** - July 15, 2011 at 09:34 AM