



William "Bill" Rudolph Helm

April 7, 1916 - October 18, 2005

William "Bill" Rudolph Helm, 89, Topeka, passed away Tues., Oct. 18, 2005.

Mr. Helm was born April 7, 1916 in Gotobo OK, the son of Brice and Pearl Deardorf Schlotzhauer. William was the youngest of seven children. His mother died just after his birth. He was adopted and reared by Clara and Frank Helm of Topeka. Mr. Helm graduated from Topeka High School in 1935. On Oct 2, 1937, he and Della "May" Zetmeir were married. He retired from Kansas Electric Supply. He also worked for Montgomery Wards. Mr. Helm was the last to turn the key on each of the three Topeka locations. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Oddfellows and YOMAC Sunday School class.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, May Helm, of the home; daughter, Karolyn Sharp and her husband, Oren, Topeka; seven grandchildren, Cynthia Johnson, Karen Madison (Darrell), Jamma Logan (Greg), Annette Long, William Marier (Pamela), Bradley Branch, and Donna Marier; nine great-grandchildren, Amanda and Andrew Madison, Victoria and Olivia Erin Logan, Jason and Olivia Sue Marier, Kathryn and Kyle Long, and Margaret Reynolds; and four great-great-grandchildren, Bailey Bentley, Quinton Madison and Xavier and Makayla Madison. He was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters; two daughters, Sandra Branch, on Apr. 13, 1977, and Virginia Marier Sharp on Jan. 17, 2003; and one granddaughter, Laura Beth Branch on Apr. 2, 1966.

Mr. Helm will lie in state from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road. Family will greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Private burial will be followed by a memorial service at 1:30 p.m. Sat. at First United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions are suggested to First United Methodist Church, 600 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka KS 66603.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Rudolph Helm*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dear May and Karolyn:*

It was a privilege and pleasure to have known Bill. I have many warm memories of his friendship. Surely, you will miss him more than any other persons. Please know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Lovingly,

Merris Brady

Merris Brady - October 20, 2005 at 06:28 PM



“ *Dear Mrs Helm,*

My deepest condolences on your loss which I know will be heavy. Mr Helm was such a kind, gentle man and I will remember him fondly! You will be in my prayers as will he, and I am grateful to have known you both, if only for a short time.

With love,

Nina Bryhn

Nina Bryhn.MD - October 20, 2005 at 11:32 AM



“ *Dear May. I know you have been wonderful friends to my grandparents for many, many years. I know you and Bill have been friends they have treasured. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Mistee and Dean Boatright

Mistee Boatright - October 20, 2005 at 10:45 AM