



Jonathan Daniel Stammers

November 16, 1929 - February 7, 2017

Jonathan Daniel Stammers passed from this earth on Tuesday, February 7, 2017. John, as he was known to all who knew and loved him, was born on November 16, 1929 to Joseph William and Ollie Myrtle Stammers in St. Louis, MO but he was raised in Herington, KS. He was 87 years of age. He was united in marriage to Lucille “Scherill” Stammers on January 18, 1953 and to this union five children were born.

Preceding him in death was his wife of 63 years, his parents and one half-sister Esther Brubaker. Surviving are his children Jan (Ken) Burch, Joe (Diane) Stammers, Jil (Carl) Behr all of St. James, Jon (Jennifer) Stammers of Atchison, KS, and Jay (Tove) Stammers of Uppsala, Sweden. He is also survived by grandchildren Katie (Derek) Shultz, Anne (Cory) Freand, Jessica and Jordan Stammers, Stephanie Stammers (Aaron Plaskett) & Wes (Becca) Stammers, Megan (Kevin) Hedges & Aarika Behr, Emily & Alice Stammers along with five great-grandchildren Quinn & Brett Shultz, Asher & Gunnar Freand and Marshall Stammers. John is also survived by one sister of Salina, KS, Joann Barrett and sister-in-law of Emporia, KS, Velora Goss.

Family came foremost in John’s life and he could often be found either coaching little league or cheering in the bleachers, at football, basketball or baseball games or watching grandchildren perform whenever he was able. His family was his hobby. He was a long-time civil servant working in the telephone exchange; first at Ft. Riley, KS and later at Ft. Wood, Missouri. However, his first job and first love was always as husband and father. He was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church serving in many roles over the years they lived in St. James.

The Stammers family moved to St. James in 1968 and quickly made it their adopted hometown. The Stammers home, just one block from the football field, was also the gathering place of the friends of their five children. The “open door” policy meant that John & Scherill always had a houseful of kids. John and Scherill were founding members of the St. James Booster Club, which supported all extra-curricular activities at the school.

John served in the U.S. Navy as a storekeeper 3rd class during the Korean War from 1947-1951. He served most of his duty in California and Alaska. He was proud of his service and his country.

John was cremated following his passing. A service for family and friends will be postponed until April, 2017 so that all family may attend. Dr. Jerry Baumann will conduct the service. Memorials can be made to the St. James R-I School Athletic Department.