



## Ralph D. Beam

December 25, 2014 - December 25, 2014

Ralph Dee Beam, 99, died Thursday, December 25, 2014 at Mother Hull Home in Kearney.

Memorial services will be Friday, January 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Gary Main officiating. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church or to the family to be designated later. Visit [www.hlmkfuneral.com](http://www.hlmkfuneral.com) to leave a tribute or message of condolence. Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney are in charge of arrangements.

Ralph, the eldest of five, was born to dairy farmer Orville and Lucy (Fischer) Beam in Denison, Texas. He graduated from high school in Denison. During the depression, he rode the rails, followed the fruit harvest, and was a gandy dancer which started his life-long love of railroads. Ralph moved to Maryland and earned an associate's degree in Business Administration from Baltimore College of Commerce. He started working for the Securities & Exchange Commission as a mail carrier and worked his way up to be an investigator. He married Josephine Thorne on November 4, 1944 in Baltimore. They lived in

Oklahoma City, where Ralph worked for his brother as an accountant for five years. They then moved to Denver and Ralph retired from the S.E.C. in 1975. Ralph and Josephine moved to Kearney in 1985.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Josephine Beam of Kearney, daughter Mary Scott and husband Ron of Kearney, grandson David Scott and wife Renée and their children Callen, Vivien, and Rowan of Somerville, MA, granddaughter Kathy Bokenkamp, husband Jon and their children Jackson and Eleanor of Kearney, sisters, Martha McNiece of Chatham, IL and Evelyn Finch of Saratoga, CA.

Ralph was preceded in death by two brothers Thomas and Walter Beam.

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