



## Nikkel James "Abe" James

October 26, 2003

Abraham James "Abe" Nikkel, 66, of Versailles, died Sunday, October 26, 2003 at KU Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. He was born June 7, 1937 in Goessel, Kansas, the son of Jacob P. and Eva Marie E. Unrau Nikkel.

He graduated from Goessel High School and attended Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas. On October 1, 1960 he married Kathryn Marie Hilty at Fortuna, Missouri, who survives of the home.

Abe was a member of the Bethel Mennonite Church, Fortuna, where he was active in various aspects of the church and community life for the past 30 years. He worked as a builder, farmer, dairyman, and truck driver throughout his professional life.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Julie Goering and her husband, Russell, Hutchinson, Kansas; a son, James P. Nikkel of Newton, Kansas; two granddaughters, Anna and Maggie Goering; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Josephine and Elmer Voth, Newton, Kansas, Doris and Menno Schmidt, Hutchinson, Kansas, Arzella and Mel Dirksen, Denver, Colorado; Orletta and John Goering, Gresham, Oregon, and Joyce and Ken Christopher, Olathe, Kansas; nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Alice Rebecca.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 30, at Bethel Mennonite Church, with Rev. Tom Voth officiating. Interment will be in the Bethel Cemetery. Casketbearers will be Vincil Aeschbacher, Daniel Baumgartner, Ronald Baumgartner, Bill Byers, Rodney Yoder and Eric Guhr. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to Bethel Mennonite Church Elevator Fund or the Palliative Care Fund, KU Medical Center. Arrangements are under the direction of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles, Missouri.