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He was born July 5, 1923, at Lebo, to Carl A. and Eliza J. (Robinson) Zink. He graduated from a Cleveland, Okla., high school in 1941. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from June 4, 1941, to July 31, 1946. After the war, he attended Kansas State University and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in 1950.

He married Wilma Porterfield on March 11, 1950, at Manhattan. She survives of the home.

Mr. Zink was an electrical engineer for National Gypsum Co. He lived in several places including Medicine Lodge, New Orleans, and Waukegan, Ill., before he moved to Parsons in 1967. In the 1970s, he became self-employed as a contract engineer and formed Zink Industrial Service. After his retirement, he worked part-time at a Parsons gas station and at AutoZone.

He was a member of First Christian Church of Parsons and Parsons Lodge No. 117, A.F. & A.M. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also was active in Scouting, serving as a Cubmaster and an assistant Scoutmaster.

Additional survivors include one daughter, Janita Witty of Wakefield; five sons, Paul Zink of Wichita, Carl Zink of Fullerton, Calif., Alan Zink of Boise, Idaho, Eric Zink of Lenexa and John Zink of Durango, Colo.; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Theone Bailey.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church at Parsons with the Rev. Bill Nowlin officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawn Cemetery at Parsons. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Carson-Wall Funeral Home at Parsons. Arrangements are under the direction of Carson-Wall Funeral Home of Parsons.

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