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E. L. Blom, 85, of Pittsburg, died at 7:21 p.m., Monday, Jan. 31, 2005, at the Mt. Carmel Regional Medical Center.

He was born May 19, 1919 at Bricelyn, Minn., to Leonard and Oelia Blom. He attended school at Bricelyn. He graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., in 1940 with a degree in business administration.

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After living in Kansas City, Mo., and working for B.M.A. and Sears Roebuck, he worked for Commerce Acceptance Finance Company in Leavenworth and Atchison, and he was transferred to Pittsburg in 1956. In 1957 he became employed at Pittsburg State University as Purchasing Agent. In 1959, he left PSU and was employed as manager of the Kansas Teachers Credit Union located in downtown Pittsburg. He managed the Kansas Teachers Credit Union and served as President until his retirement in 1984.

He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and a member of the Benjamin Fuller American Legion Post No. 64.


Survivors include two children, Stephen Blom of Windsor, Colo., and Donna Bartelli of Frontenac; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Maxine Hale of Sebring, Fla., and Alona Peterson of Dalhart, Texas.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marilyn Thompson.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Zion Lutheran Church with Rev. Theodore E. Cook, Sr., officiating. The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home. Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 p.m. on Friday. Burial will follow in Garden of Memories Cemetery, where a flag presentation will be given by the Benjamin Fuller American Legion Post No. 64 of Pittsburg. E-mail condolences may be left at admin@bathnaylor.kscoxmail.com.

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