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Mr. Brockman was born Sept. 4, 1900, in Cedarvale to Samuel and Mary West Brockman. He attended schools in Cedarvale and Cowley County, and was a 1925 graduate of the Cedarvale High School. He later received a teaching certificate from Pittsburg State University, and taught two terms in the Wauneta Public Schools.

He drove a truck for the Marland Refining Co. in Ponca City for a year, and farmed in Cowley County for two years. During and after his high school years he was associated with attorney and state legislator Edgar Fisher in the real estate and insurance business.

Mr. Brockman was licensed to preach in 1928, by the Independence District Conference of Methodist Churches, and was assigned to the Beulah Pastoral Charge for 6½ years. He was ordained a deacon of the Methodist Church in 1932, and an elder in 1934. He did post-graduate work at the Garrett Biblical Institute.

He also served pastorates at Elk City, Pleasanton, Lawrence, Wellsville, Edgerton, Shawnee, the Metropolitan Avenue Church in Kansas City and the Wesley United Methodist Church at Iola.

At Shawnee he served on the Governor's United Community Funds Council, drawing up plans for construction and a new church sanctuary and educational building. Mr. Brockman retired from his pastoral ministry in 1971, but served as chaplain of the United Methodist Home until 1974.

During his more than 50 years of membership in the Kansas East Conference of the Methodist Church, he served on the Board of Education, Board of Hospitals and Homes, member and chairman of the Commission on World Peace and Social Causes, secretary and member of the Conference and Jurisdictional [sic] Board of Missions.

Mr. Brockman had also been treasurer of the Conference Board of Trustees and a member of the board of trustees of the Wesley Foundation at PSU. He was chairman of the coordinating committee that later developed into the Interboards Council and, later, the Council on Ministries. He served in the camping program of the conference (Epworth League United Methodist Youth Institute [sic]) for 47 years.

He was a Boy Scout master in Pleasanton and Lawrence. Mr. Brockman served on the Kansas Council of Churches executive [sic] committee, which during World War II organized Wheat for Relief, which later became the Christian Rural Overseas Program. During World War II, he also served on the Douglas County Selection Service Registration advisory board.

He also organized a Douglas County clothing drive for European relief, and substitute taught in the Lawrence public school. He coached debate at Baker University, Baldwin.
Mr. Brockman was a Mason and a member of Knights Templar and the High Twelve. He was a past president of Rotary Clubs in Kansas City, Iola and Topeka. He was also a member of the American Academy of Political [sic] and Social Sciences, Adult Education Association, Kappa Delta Phi, Phi Alpha Theta and Phi Kappa Delta.

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Other survivors include a daughter, Barbara Potts, Modesto, Calif.; a son, Paul Brockman, Falls Church, Va.; two brothers, three sisters; five granddaughters and two great-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Brockman.

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