Obituaries
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Harold M. Buffo


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He married Marie Evelyn Newcomb on Feb. 21, 1945 in Fort Scott. She preceded him in death on March 9, 1995.

He completed high school in Superior, Wyo., earning all-state football honors. He attended Fort Scott Community College, where he met Marie, and subsequently graduated from Pittsburg State with a major in industrial arts. He taught school and coached in Fort Scott and Pittsburg before joining the Army in 1942. As a specialist in aircraft armor, he completed 50 B-24 Liberator missions over Europe including numerous missions over the infamous Ploesti, Romania oil field.

After World War II he and his wife settled in the Leavenworth area where they farmed and he worked at the Dwight D. Eisenhower V.A. Hospital as a therapist. Retiring in 1974 he continued teaching as a substitute Vocational Agricultural/FFA teacher at Pleasant Ridge High School. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and a past board member of the Lan-Del Water Board and the Leavenworth County Farm Bureau Board.

Survivors include his daughter, Jan Buffo Dempsey of San Diego; son, Steven Arkle Buffo of Leavenworth; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and four step-great grandchildren.

His daughter Lyn Buffo Howard preceded him in death.

A visitation will be held Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. followed by a memorial service at 3 p.m., both at the Belden-Sexton-Sumpter Funeral Chapel. A private family burial will be held at the Leavenworth National Cemetery.

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