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He was born July 17, 1923, at Capaldo to Joseph and Josephine Pentola Chirafisi. He grew up in Arma and was a 1940 graduate of Arma High School. He served as a sergeant 1st class in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He married Dorothy Hubbard on April 27, 1946, at Lawrence. She survives of the home.

Mr. Chirafisi was a supervisor for the Pittsburg State University maintenance department for 16 years. He also worked at Spencer-Gulf Chemical Co. and Pittcraft Printing.

He was a member of Arma Methodist Church, Arma Masonic Lodge 408, Arma Order of the Eastern Star 379, Lon Helm American Legion Post 182 at Arma, the Scottish Rite at Fort Scott, Mirza Shrine at Pittsburg, Arma Eagles, and the S.N.P.J. Lodge 225 at Camp 50.

Additional survivors include one son, Vincent L. Chirafisi Jr. of Lenexa; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one step-grandchild; and three step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Josephine Carter and one brother, Carlo Chirafisi.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Bedene Funeral Home at Arma with the Rev. Steve Cole officiating. Burial will follow in Pittsburg Garden of Memories Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, where Masonic rites will be conducted at 7 p.m. today. The 331 Signal Company-Fort Riley Burial Detail will conduct full military graveside services. Arrangements are under the direction of Bedene Funeral Home.

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