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On Dec. 29, 1969, he married Cham Son Kim at Seoul, South Korea. She survives.

He graduated from Girard High School in 1940.

He entered the U.S. Army and served for 26 years during World War II and the Korean War.

He owned and operated Colegrove's Dairies at Girard. He also worked at Hospital District No. 1 of Crawford County at Girard after retiring from the U.S. Army. He was a member of West Park Church of the Nazarene, Fort Scott.

Additional survivors include one brother, Merlin Colegrove, of Walnut, and two sisters, Marilyn Thompson, of Farlington, and Margaret McDermed, of Fort Scott.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Marvin Wayne Colegrove.

The Rev. John Comstock will conduct graveside services at 1:30 p.m. Monday at U.S. National Cemetery. Military honors will be provided by Olson Frary Burkhart Post 1165 Veterans of Foreign Wars. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Cheney Witt Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Cheney Witt Memorial Chapel, Fort Scott.

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