

In Memory of  
**Joe A. Unruh**  
1929 ~ 2010

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
Grace Church of God in Christ, Mennonite  
Friday, October 1, 2010 ~ 10:30 a.m.

**OFFICIATING**

Minister Kenneth Smith  
Minister Dean Becker  
Minister Stanley Wiggers  
Minister Raleigh Koehn

**MUSIC**

Grace Mennonite Choir  
*Where Could I Go*  
*I've Riches Untold*

**CASKET BEARERS**

Tyson Unruh ~ Trevor Unruh ~ Dalyn Becker  
Arlyn Nightengale ~ Ryan Decker  
Brice Wiggers ~ Chad Koehn

**INTERMENT**

Halstead Cemetery  
Halstead, Kansas

**MEMORIALS**

Memorials donations may be given to Gospel Tract & Bible  
Society or Hospice Care of Kansas

**APPRECIATION**

The Unruh family wishes to express their gratitude for your kindness evidenced in thought, deed, and prayer and for your presence at this service.

Joe A. Unruh, my husband, our father and grandfather was born to Noah T. and Carrie (Jantzen) Unruh on November 6, 1929 at Halstead, Kansas. He peacefully passed into his eternal rest on September 28, 2010 at Halstead Health & Rehabilitation, Halstead, Kansas. He reached the age of 80 years.

Joe was born and raised on a farm west of Halstead attending Pleasant Grove School district #2. He later attended and graduated from the Halstead Public Schools. He felt the call to salvation and upon the confession of his faith and new birth he was baptized into the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite by Minister Carl Dirks on December 14, 1941.

On June 4, 1950, Joe was married to me, Della Koehn, his lifelong companion, at Newton, Kansas. The Lord gave us 60 years of married life together, blessing our union with three sons and two daughters. We lived in the Halstead community all of our married life with the exception of one year in the Scott City, Kansas area.

Dad was involved in various occupations as he endeavored to provide for his family. Dad could relate stories of his time spent working for the Santa Fe Railway in his early married life. Dad had the opportunity to become a farmer and dairyman, occupations he loved. He became a custodian at Halstead Elementary School in 1979 retiring in 1996. He farmed until his full retirement in 2004.

Dad enjoyed people and was very interested in family ties, endeavoring to keep and strengthen them by attending family reunions and many trips to California and Mississippi. He enjoyed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; they were very special to him. Trips to Texas were commonplace, celebrating the birthdays of his grandchildren almost without fail. A highlight of his travels was visiting children serving as missionaries in Belize.

As his health began to fail, he desired that all was well between him and God. He spoke of a touch from God that left him with an assurance of peace. He was diligent to clear his way with his fellowmen. In conversation he said, "If God doesn't accept me I don't know what I'll do," placing confidence in the forgiveness and mercy of God.

Left to cherish memories are his wife Della; two sons, Roy and wife Patricia, Marlin and wife Raeletta, all of Halstead, Kansas; two daughters, Barbara Ellen of Tucson, Arizona, Rochelle and husband Doyle Becker of Wharton, Texas; fourteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; one brother Melvin and wife Norma of Macon, Mississippi; one sister-in-law, Erma and husband Wallace Decker of Halstead, Kansas; many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death are one son, Verlin, his parents and five sisters, Lorena, Esther, Alma, Eva & Hazel.