

Denzel Wayne Philo, 85, of Kansas City, Kansas passed away September 13, 2008 at his home. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, September 18, 2008 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Burial will be in Leavenworth National Cemetery. Visitation will be from Noon - 1:00 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Denzel was born in Wayside, KS spent his early years in western Kansas, graduated from Yates Center High School and spent the last 16 years in Bella Vista AR and Kansas City, KS. He worked at the Sunflower Ammunition Plant and then as a toll collector for the Kansas Turnpike Authority at 18th Street before retiring in 1988.

Denzel was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII where he received 3 bronze service stars while serving in the European Theater. He was a member of Judson American Baptist Church in Bella Vista, AR, where he was in a quartet, choir, and the church golf group. Denzel was also a member of the American Legion and VFW. He is preceded in death by his parents, William Theodore Philo, Sr. and Wava (Lindley) Philo and a sister, Eleanor Slifer.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years Marjorie Philo, of the home; son and daughter-in-law: Ronald and Carol Philo, Kansas City, KS; daughter: Linda Rathgeber, St. Louis, MO; 3 brothers: William Theodore Philo, Jr. and Claude Philo, both of Corsicana, TX, and Carl Philo, Omaha, NE; sister: Mildred Edmonds, McPherson, KS; 4 Granddaughters, 2 Step Grandsons, 10 Great Grandchildren, 4 Step Great Grandchildren, and 2 Great Great Grandsons. (Arrs: Maple Hill Funeral Home, (913) 831-3345)