

Kenneth Mouser, 75

Sept. 10, 1928 - July 2, 2004

WELLINGTON, KS – Kenneth (Kenny) Mouser was born Sept. 10, 1928, son of George H. and Gladys O. (Nelson) Mouser. He attended Wellington Schools, Wichita Business College and was a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, VA. He served in the U.S. Army as a surgical technician with the 1st Calvary Division in the Far East Command, was stationed in Japan, Philippine Islands and in Korea during the Korean Conflict receiving an honorable discharge in May 1953.

He married Helen L. Reinig Sept. 16, 1952, in Panama. To this union two children were born, a daughter, JoAnn, and son, Richard. He began his law enforcement career Jan. 1, 1956, with the Sumner County Sheriff's Department serving there until Oct. 1, 1957, when he began his work with the Wellington Police Department. He became police chief April 28, 1971, and retired from the position April 28, 1980. He was a member of St. Anthony's Church, FBI National Academy Association, National Rifle Association and Kansas Peace Officers Association. He died July 2, 2004, at Harry Hynes Hospice in Wichita, KS, after a long battle with cancer at age 75 years, nine months and 22 days.

He is preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Gordon, Fred, Helen and Keith. Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Helen of the home; his daughter, JoAnn Blackmore (Mark); son, Richard (Debbie) of Wichita, KS; five grandchildren, Alison Bogart (Justin) of Mission, KS; Alicia Blackmore of New York City; Kristen Mouser; Craig Mouser and Tom Mouser of Wichita, KS.

Funeral services were held July 7, 2004, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Wellington, KS, with Father Andrew J. Seiler celebrant officiating. Burial was in the Prairie Lawn Cemetery in Wellington, with the Wellington Police Dept. and the Sumner Co. Sheriff's Dept. as honor guards. Honorary casket bearers were Bill Newland, Don Rager, A.B. Preston, Richard Henrichs and Ernest Easterly. Casket bearers were Keith Lewellen, Frank Korte, Tracy Heath, Gary Gasper, Dr. F.M. Naldoza, Walt Wiltse and Tom Mitchell. Hawks Funeral Home in Wellington, KS, in charge of arrangements.