

## Carl R. Sandstrom

March 1, 1913-Feb. 22, 2007

TOPEKA — A celebration of life for Carl R. Sandstrom (Col., United States Army, Retired), 93, of Topeka, formerly of Abilene and Herington, were held Monday morning, March 5, 2007, at the Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Chapel in Topeka.

Mr. Sandstrom died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center.

He was born March 1, 1913, in Herington, the son of John and Martha Schraaf Sandstrom.

He graduated from Herington High School, with the Class of 1931. In 1938, he graduated from Kansas State University, where he was a member of R.O.T.C.

In 1937, he was united in marriage to Gladys Gugler.

Mr. Sandstrom served for more than 20 years in the United States Army. In 1941, he served special duty in the office of Chief of Staff Col. Dwight D. Eisenhower at Fort Lewis, Wash. During

World War II he served as commanding officer of a supply depot in Belgium, which was responsible for providing rations, supplies and gasoline to the front lines as well as providing supplies to staging areas for D-Day. He served as Quartermaster Officer and Director of Port Services in Yokohama, Japan, where fleet reserves were outfitted for the Korean Operation from 1949-1952.

He resided in Abilene from 1958 to 1976 and was employed by the State of Kansas Banking Department as a bank examiner from 1966 to 1976 for the Salina territory. He was appointed Deputy Bank Commissioner in 1976 and remained in that position until his retirement in 1985 at the age of 72.

Preceding him in death was his wife, Gladys, in 2006; one son, John D. Sandstrom in 2004; an infant son; one brother, Ralph Sandstrom; and one sister, Mildred Ellis.

He is survived by one daughter, Judi Rellinger of Wakarusa; one son, Jeff Sandstrom of Marysville; one daughter-in-law, Kathy Sandstrom of Lyndon; one sister, Florence Orr of Prairie Village; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The body was cremated. A funeral detail from Fort Riley provided military honors at the inurnment service at Mt. Hope Cemetery, following the memorial services.

