Carl R. Sandstrom

TOPEKA — Retired Colonel Carl R. Sandstrom, 93, Topeka, formerly of Abilene, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center.

He was born in Herington on March 1, 1913. He graduated from Herington High School and from Kansas State University in 1938, where he was a member of R.O.T.C. He was a veteran of World War II, serving for 20 years in the United States Army.

He married Gladys Gugler. They lived in Abilene from 1958 to 1976. She preceded him in death in 2006.

Mr. Sandstrom was a bank examiner for the State of Kansas Banking Department from 1966 to 1976 for the Salina territory. He was appointed deputy bank commissioner in 1976 and remained in that position until 1985, when he retired.

Survivors include one daughter, Judi Rellinger of Wakarusa; one son, Jeff Sandstrom of Marysville; one sister, Florence Orr of Prairie Village; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by two sons, John D. Sandstrom, in 2004 and an infant son; one brother, Ralph Sandstrom; and one sister, Mildred Ellis.

The body was cremated.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, March 5, 2007, at Penwell-Gabel Mid Town Chapel, 1321 S.W. 10th Ave., Topeka, with military honors from a Fort Riley funeral detail. An inurnment service will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery immediately following the memorial service.

The family will receive friends a half-hour prior to the memorial service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Crestview United Methodist Church, 2245 SW Eveningside Dr., Topeka 66614.