

George F. Kramer, age 71, of Ottawa , passed away Sunday, May 31, 2009 at his home as a result of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis, a chronic, progressive lung disease with an unknown cause. He was born March 21, 1938 in Ottawa , KS to Helena Elizabeth (Hatch) and W.F. "Bud" Kramer.

George married Jacquelyn Wheaton on June 7, 1959 in Ottawa , KS ; she survives of the home. George graduated from Ottawa High School in 1956 then attended the University of Kansas and graduated from KU School of Pharmacy in 1960. He owned and operated Kramer Drug Store in Ottawa until his retirement in 2006. George had a passion for flying airplanes, traveling with his family, sailing, snow skiing, music, running and golfing. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church , a past President of the Ottawa Lions Club and a past President of the Kansas Pharmacists Association. The Ottawa Jaycees also named George the Outstanding Young Man of the year. He played the saxophone with the city band and for other events. He was also involved in many other civic activities.

Survivors include his wife, Jacque, of the home; his sons, Kent and his wife Leah, of Belton, MO and their sons, Jarred and Ian and Doug and his wife Stacey of Holton, KS and their son Shawn; daughter, Teresa Rasmussen and her husband Stan of Lawrence, KS and their daughters Rachel and Ashley. He was preceded in death by his father and his brother, John.

Memorial Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church . Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 4, 2009 at the church. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Contributions can be made to the First United Methodist Church or the Foundation for Pulmonary Fibrosis and sent in care of Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home, 325 S.. Hickory, PO Box 14, Ottawa, KS 66067. Online condolences may be shared with the Kramer family at www.lamb-roberts.com.