

Leavenworth, Kan. -

Harley C. Russell, 70, of Leavenworth, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008, at his home.

Harley was born Oct. 15, 1938, in Topeka, Kan., the son of Claibourne L. and Helen F. (Stephens) Russell.

On Dec. 26, 1964, he married Rena Fogarty. She survives him.

He is also survived by two daughters, Anne R. Turner (Craig) of Morgantown, W.Va., Carolyn R. Klemp (Lou) of Lansing; six grandchildren, Regan, Jack and Nicholas Budig, Kayla Turner and Drew and Grace Klemp; a brother, Stephen Russell (Mary) of Lenexa, Kan.; and a sister, Mary Helen Russell of Shawnee Mission, Kan.

Harley graduated from the University of Kansas in 1961 with a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy. In 2001, he was awarded an honorary doctor of commercial science degree from the University of Saint Mary. He continued his education to meet pharmacy license requirements. During his banking career, he completed the School of Banking intermediate course, bank marketing, compliance and management programs.

Harley was a licensed pharmacist and owner of six Russell Pharmacy stores. He was a relief pharmacist, retail consultant pharmacist and a consultant pharmacist for nursing homes and prisons.

He was a member of the Board of Directors of MidAmerican Bank and Trust Company. He became executive vice-president of the bank with responsibilities that included being director of marketing, trust officer, executive officer and compliance officer.

Harley had many special achievements and experiences, including 19 years of profitable management and sole ownership of retail pharmacies at multiple locations with 80 to 100 employees; 20 years of executive bank management to include marketing, compliance, trust and loan responsibilities; and acting director of Kansas Pharmacy Service Corporation, a buying group and third party managed care representative for independent pharmacies.

He was president of the Kansas Pharmacy Service Corporation, Kansas Pharmacist Association, Kansas Pharmacy Foundation, Leavenworth Kiwanis Club, Patrons of the Leavenworth Library Foundation, Leavenworth County Economic Development Corporation and Leavenworth-Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce.

He was chairman of the University of Saint Mary Board of Trustees, The Guidance Center, Leavenworth Waterworks Board of Directors and the Advisory Committee, School of Pharmacy, University of Kansas.

He received many awards, including the Leavenworth Jaycees Distinguished Service Award; School of Pharmacy, University of Kansas, Distinguished Service Award; Leavenworth Citizen of the Year; Kansas Pharmacist of the Year; Kansas Industrial Development Association

Volunteer of the Year; Leavenworth County Bar Association Liberty Bell Award; Leavenworth Police Department Justice Center Recognition; Kansas Pharmacy Service Corporation Distinguished Service Award; National Bowl of Hygeia Award; Special Recognition Award of the Leavenworth County Economic Development Corporation; and the Robert Ross MDA Personal Achievement Award State of Kansas and Kansas City Chapter.

He was a member of Knights of Columbus; Leavenworth Jaycees; Leavenworth Kiwanis Club; chairman, Saint Mary College annual fundraiser for Leavenworth County; chairman, Advisory Committee Social and Rehabilitation, State of Kansas; field instructor, School of Pharmacy, University of Kansas; elected member of the Leavenworth Waterworks Board; chairperson, Leavenworth County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council; member of the Advisory Council, St. Lawrence Catholic Student Center, University of Kansas; member of the Board of Directors of the Leavenworth County Economic Development Corporation; member of the Board of Directors of Saint John Hospital; member of campaign committee that obtained the vote of citizens to build a new community center; chairman of campaign committee that obtained the vote of citizens to build a new library and approve sales tax; chairman of President's Advisory Council, Saint Mary College; chairperson, Leavenworth Area US 24-40 Task Force that obtained vote of citizens to improve highway through Leavenworth County; co-chairman, task force to develop two new county industrial parks; member of Board of Directors of Caritas Clinics; member, Leavenworth Main Street Board of Directors; chairman, Leavenworth Main Street Economic Restructuring Committee; chairman, Leavenworth County Justice Center Advisory Committee; member, Leavenworth Planning Commission; chairman, Corporate Giving Division Leavenworth United Way; co-chairman, The Guidance Center new building campaign committee; member and treasurer, Leavenworth National Cemetery Carillon fundraising committee; member and finance chairman, Board of Trustees of Leavenworth Regional Catholic School System; coordinator, The Myositis Association Support Group for Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri; chairman, Infrastructure Committee of Leavenworth County Economic Development Corporation; member, Kansas Pharmacy Foundation Executive Committee; chairman, campaign committee for countywide sales tax renewal approved by voters; member, Kansas Regional Prisons Museum Board of Directors; member, St. Joseph Catholic Church, with previous membership on finance committee, parish council and 39 years as a lector and Eucharist minister; co-chairman, new rectory funding committee; member, Kansas Pharmacist Association Executive Council; member, Kansas Department of Transportation Long Range Planning Committee; member, Community Development Corporation of Leavenworth Board of Directors; and a member of the city of Leavenworth's Comprehensive Planning Committee.

Visitation was Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 2008, at the church. The Rev. David McEvoy, O.Carm., will officiate. Monsignor Vince Krische will be co-celebrant.

Memorial contributions may be given to University of Kansas School of Pharmacy, Catholic Community Hospice of Kansas City, Kan., or St. Joseph Church.

Davis Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.