

James M Bertles

Born: July 15, 1923

Died: February 3, 2015

Location: Salina, Kansas

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Tribute & Message From The Family



James M. Bertles, 91 of Salina, passed away Tuesday, February 3, 2015. He was born July 15, 1923 in Salina, KS.

James loved his job as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service, retiring in 1981 after 30 years.

James was especially proud of attending Kansas Wesleyan University where he was the third baseman on their baseball team. Later, signed to play semi-professional baseball for teams in Salina, Glasco and Plainville, KS. He also played professional baseball for the Salina Blue Jays of the Philadelphia Phillies organization for a short time.

James enlisted in the US Army in 1943 where he was assigned to a hospital ship off the coast of Normandy during the D-Day Invasion. He was awarded 2 Bronze

Stars in his overseas duty in England, France and Belgium, treating thousands of sick and wounded soldiers from the battlefields of WW II, including hundreds of German prisoners of war.

James was preceded in death by his parents; John C. and Susan E. (Trapp) Bertles, a brother; Larry R. Bertles and a sister; Mary Hedge.

Survivors include his brother; John Bertles of Denver, CO., a sister; Margie A. Koenig of Atlanta, GA and multiple nieces and nephews including; Bob (Deb) Hedge of Salina.

A memorial service will be held 2:00pm, Monday, February 9, 2015 at Roselawn Heights memorial Chapel, 1920 E Crawford, Salina. Inurnment will take place immediately following at the Williamsburg Mausoleum, Salina.

Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Cathedral Church in care of Roselawn Mortuary, PO Box 2322, Salina, 67402.

