



## **Raymond Pautz Jr.** **NØRP**

Raymond Pautz Jr., 78, of Warrensburg, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008, at his home.

He was born Aug. 25, 1930, in Robinson, Kan., the son of Raymond and Luida Macy Pautz Sr.

Ray was a 1948 graduate of Hiawatha High School and attended Kansas State University.

He and Lois Katherine Sloop were united in marriage on Aug. 14, 1950, in Oskaloosa, Kan. They recently observed their 58th anniversary. They were blessed by three children.

The first few years of their marriage were spent farming. Ray was one of the early employees of Wilde Tool Co. in Hiawatha. He set up and managed the chrome plating and machine engineering department for the company. He completed a home study course in electronics and received his FCC license to repair radios and work in electronics. He was a pioneer in the cable TV industry. He was employed to help build and manage the system in Hiawatha and was transferred to Warrensburg in 1969 as regional manager. He continued in that profession until he retired in 1992.

Ray was a licensed amateur radio operator, NØRP (ex WAØKDE) for more than 40 years. He provided a repeater for the amateurs' use for several years and taught classes to many persons who have continued in the hobby or service. He was recognized as a member of the A-1 Operator Club. He was a life member of the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL). He and Katie recently established an annual scholarship fund with the ARRL to allow licensed amateurs to further their education.

Ray was a member of the Noon Rotary Club of Warrensburg and served as president from 1986 to 1987. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and made 10 other members of his family Paul Harris Fellows also. He was a generous contributor to serial Rotary projects through the years.

Since his retirement, Ray had been active in the Masons and Shrine organizations. He served as treasurer and board member of the local lodge and president and treasurer of the Houn Dawg Shrine Club and the Amateur Radio Club at the Ararat Temple. He served as radio communications chairman for the Ararat Swap Meets, Circus and other activities. Ray also had been a member of the Warrensburg Elks Lodge 673 since 1972. He spearheaded the local collections for the Shrine Circus each year and assured that the Big Brothers and Big Sisters received free tickets to the circus. He made a contribution that enables the Corinthian Lodge 265 to start a college scholarship program for local students.

Ray is survived by his wife, Katherine, of the home; daughter, Janet Elaine Conklin and husband, Joe, of Kansas City; a son, Edward Joe Pautz and wife, Virginia, of Kingston; a brother, Dudley D. Pautz, DVM, of Farmington; grandsons, Aaron, Justin and Spencer Conklin of Kansas City; and three great-grandchildren.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Donald Ray, in 2006; a grandson, Jeffrey Don Pautz in 2004; and a sister, Evelyn Smith in 2002.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 at the Corinthian Lodge 265 at 402 Russell Road, followed by a Masonic service at 2:30 p.m.

Cremation is planned with burial at a later date in Hiawatha, Kan.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the ARRL Foundation of the Corinthian Lodge 265 of Warrensburg in care of Sweeney-Phillips & Holdren Funeral Home of Warrensburg.