





A Life Well Lived

With willing hands and a steadfast heart,
He worked with pride and did his part.
He served his country, brave and true,
And gave his best in all he'd do.
He found his joy in simple things,
The peace and beauty nature brings.
A craftsman's hands, a collector's eye,
A quiet strength as years passed by.
Though now his earthly work is done,
And life's last setting sun has come,
The memories made, the love he gave,
Remain with us beyond the grave.
His hands are still, his soul at rest,
A life well lived, a man well blessed.

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IN HONOR OF YOUR MEMORY

Edward F. Branch

APRIL 29, 1930 – OCTOBER 12, 2026

Remembering...



Edward F. “Ed” Branch, 96, of Plainville, Kansas, passed away on October 12, 2026, at Rooks County Health Center in Plainville. He was born on April 29, 1930, in Caney, Kansas, to John Douglas and Laura Del (King) Branch.

Ed proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Plainville.

Ed spent his life working in construction, where his skill, craftsmanship, and ability to fix just about anything made him a true jack-of-all-trades. While working on a construction project in Stockton, Kansas, he met Shirley Grieve, and the two were united in marriage on December 13, 1957, in Weeping Water, Nebraska. They were blessed with four children: Wesley, Brenda, Michael, and Brian.



Throughout his career, Ed put his talents to work in many areas of construction, including finish carpentry for Schult Homes, where he specialized in interior wood trim for manufactured homes. He retired in 1992 after a lifetime of hard work and dedication to his trade.

Outside of work, Ed enjoyed hunting, fishing, and searching for hidden treasures at garage sales and auctions. An avid collector, he had an eye for just about anything that caught his interest. One of his most unique collections was his assortment of more than 1,000 different advertising pocket screwdrivers with no duplicates, which he proudly displayed in a holder he crafted himself. He also enjoyed collecting ammunition cartridges and was a member of a cartridge collectors' club. Ed had a special place in his heart for his dogs over the years, including his last faithful companion, Buddy. Whether working with his hands, adding to one of his collections, spending time outdoors, or enjoying the company of his dogs, Ed found happiness in life's simple pleasures.

Ed will be remembered for his hardworking nature, his resourcefulness, and his many interests that kept him busy throughout his 96 years.

Ed is survived by his children: Brenda (Doug) Jennings of Plainville, Michael (Kathy Delzeit) Branch of Plainville, and Brian Branch of Zurich, Kansas; five grandchildren, Jacob (Kalea Graf) Branch, Brittany (Marc Hansen) Branch, Tori (Wyatt) Stark, Isaac Branch and John Branch; and four great-grandchildren, Jaxson and Wrenley Hansen, Adalynn Roller and Lainey Branch.



He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Laura Branch; wife, Shirley; son, Wesley Branch; nine siblings, Fern, Marion, Della, Letha, George, Lemuel and Melvin Branch; step-brothers, Leslie Dunn; and Claude Dunn.

In Loving Memory

Edward "Ed" F. Branch

1930 ~ 2026

Funeral Service

First Christian Church ~ Plainville, Kansas
Monday, October 19, 2026, 10:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Thayne Sparke

Songs

"When I Get Where I'm Going" ~ Brad Paisley
"Grandpa, Tell Me About The Good Old Days" ~ The Judds

Casket Bearers

Mike Branch Brian Branch Jacob Branch Isac Branch
Marc Hansen Doug Jennings John Branch

Honorary Bearers

Brittany Branch Tori Stark Brad Norton
Wyatt Stark Kalea Graf

Interment

Mt. Vernon Cemetery ~ Rooks County, Kansas

Military Honors

Fort Riley and VFW Post 8871

Memorials

VFW Post 8871
Plainville Senior Center