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MEADE – David Stewart Adams, age 76, died Thursday afternoon, October 28, 2010 at the Lone Tree Retirement Center, Meade, Kansas.

He was born June 16, 1934, in Topeka, Kansas, the son of Raymond E. and Jessie Stewart Adams. As a youth he attended the Maple Hill Grade School. For high school he attended Pembroke County Day School in Kansas City, Missouri before graduating from Washburn Rural High School in 1952. He attended Kansas State University and then joined the United States Army, serving for several years. Upon his discharge, he returned to Kansas State University to complete his education.

David enjoyed raising cattle from a young age. He started the Adams Ranch and focused Herford, Simmental, and Angus cattle. The Adams Ranch is situated in Wabaunsee and Seward counties, near Maple Hill and Meade, Kansas and Beaver county, Oklahoma. The Adams Ranch headquarters to rural Meade County in 1997.

David was a member of the Kansas Cattleman's Association, the American Royal, Pembroke Hill Alumni Association, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He was an avid pilot.

On September 13, 1980, he married Judy Robert in Maple Hill, Kansas. They recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. They shared many interests including flying, cattle and travel.

David was passionate about his 29 years of sobriety. He was committed to his ministry of helping others who struggled with alcoholism and impacted hundreds of lives. He and Judy founded the Maple Hill AA and Al-Anon Group and built the building where they have continued to meet for 25 years.

Survivors also include: his children: Sarah Adams Guinn and husband Kent of Overland Park, Kansas; Amy Berckman and husband Bobby of Morehead City, North Carolina; David Stewart Adams, Jr. and wife Caroline of Shawnee, Kansas; his sister, Ann Adams Russell of Lawrence, Kansas and her husband Robert (Bob) Russell; seven grandchildren, Alexander Guinn, Grace Guinn, Colin McDonald, Kirsten McDonald, Andrew Adams, Paige Adams, and Amanda Steffen

He is preceded in death by his parents; his stepson, Craig Shaffer; and his brother, Raymond E. Adams, Jr.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 pm Sunday, October 31, 2010, at the Adams Ranch, rural Meade. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm Monday at the Old Stone Church, Maple Hill, Kansas. Interment will follow in the Maple Hill Cemetery, Maple Hill.

The family would welcome memorials made to: Meade County Historical Society in care of Fidler-Orme-Bachman Mortuary, PO Box 70, Meade, KS 67864 or to the Maple Hill 12 Step Group Activities Fund in care of the Piper Funeral Home, 714 Maple Street, St. Mary's, Kansas, 66536.