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Mr. Rader was born April 24, 1915, in Caney, KS, to Charles and Roberta (Yeager) Rader.

When he was four years old, his parents moved to Colorado to homestead east of Ordway. He attended school at Box Springs and Sand Arroyo Schools.

In 1936, his family moved to Crowley and lived across the street from the Campbell family. The children from both families became very good friends and Mr. Rader eventually started dating Lulu May Campbell. On June 7, 1941, the couple was married.

Mr. Rader had attended the Stevenson Auto School at Kansas City and was employed as a mechanic in a Fowler garage. He was soon drafted into the army and was stationed in Texas and later in Newburgh, NY, as an airplane mechanic at West Point Military Academy.

Following his tour with the army, the couple returned to Ordway where they purchased some land and started building the house where they would live for the rest of their lives.

In 1945, Mr. Rader began working at the Ford Garage in Ordway and remained there until his retirement in 1984. They raised seven children during this time.

Mr. Rader is survived by his wife Lulu May, six children, Bill Rader, Donna Sprouse, Larry

Rader, John Rader, Joyce Witt and Linda Wind and their families. He is also survived by 22 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, two sisters and a daughter Betty Jarred.

Family requests memorial contributions be made to either Ordway United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 20 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Griffy Family Funeral Home in Ordway.

Interment will follow the service in Valley View Cemetery in Ordway.

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*Fowler, Manzanola & Ordway  
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