From the Wednesday, October 7, 2009 edition of the Topeka Capital-Journal:

Gene A. Matney, 84, Topeka, passed away Mon., Oct. 5, 2009. He was born Aug. 10, 1925, in Topeka, the son of Milligan and Cora (Livingston) Matney. He graduated from Berryton High School in 1943. Gene was a gallant warrior who served in WWII in the US Navy. Gene was a member of the Philip Billard Post #1650, VFW, Jimmie Lillard Post #31 of the American Legion , and the North Kansas Avenue Methodist Church. Gene was also President of the Old Time Fiddler and Pickers and Singers for 23 years. He worked as a Parts Manager in the automotive industry for 43 years. Gene was married to Helen W. Trahoon on Oct. 15, 1948.

She survives. Also surviving are a brother-in-law Rolland E. Trahoon, a sister-in-law Shirley Tregemba, several cousins, nieces and nephews. Gene was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 1:00 PM, Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009, at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, 245 NW Independence. Interment in Penwell-Gabel Cemetery. Gene will lie in state after 3:00 PM, Wednesday Oct. 7, 2009 at the funeral chapel where family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to The Topeka Rescue Mission, 600 N. Kansas Ave., Topeka, KS 66608 or to the Washburn University School of Nursing, 1700 SW College Ave., Topeka, KS 66621. To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com.