

Robert Campbell

Robert Campbell, son of Alexander and Emma Rorabaugh Campbell, was born Febr. 17, 1891. Bob attended school in Jefferson twp., Shelby co., until coming to Manning high school, where he graduated in 1909.

Bob's father bought land from the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway in 1880. This land is still Campbell land, this is where Bob farmed with his brother, Thomas, until 1942. This farm is one mile south of Botna. Besides farming, he and his brother did custom corn shelling and threshing for many years. They practiced soil conservation, including construction of terraces, grassed waterways and tiling. They won many conservation achievement awards. Bob served as assistant soil district commissioner in the Shelby County District as well as committeeman. Bob joined the Navy Aug. 17, 1917 and served until April 4, 1919. He received his discharge in Philadelphia.

On Febr. 25, 1920, he married Odessa A. Alspach of Carroll. They lived on the farm south of Botna until they retired, built a new home and moved to South Manning in Mar. of 1959. Besides his soil district work, Bob spent many years as secretary of the local school board in Jefferson twp. He was a charter member of the Housing Authority serving with Orval Fink and Erwin Hansen on the Urban Renewal Board. For many years he served on the Community Hospital Board which was formed to plan and build the Manning General hospital and Manning Plaza. He helped with the original plans of these buildings, traveling to other communities for ideas. He gave much time and effort to the Terrace Apartment Board.

Bob belonged to the Presbyterian church and held every office including State Clerk of the Session from 1957-1966. He was a 32 degree Mason and in 1973 he became a 50 year member of Manual Lodge 450 of Manning and is a member of the Scottish Rites Bodies of Sioux City. He was a long time member of the Rotary and a 42 year member of the American Legion Emil Ewoldt Post. He served as commander in 1942. Robert died Saturday, Jan. 8, 1977 at the Manning General hospital in Manning.

Survivors include two sisters Mrs J. W. Vest of Henryetta, Okla., and Alice Campbell of Mason City and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers and six sisters.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 11, 1977 at the First Presbyterian church in Manning with Rev. Joel Wright, officiating. Burial was in the Carroll City cemetery in Carroll. Military honors were given by the American Legion Post No. 22 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3517, Manning. Masonic Memorial services were held Monday, Jan. 10, 1977 at Ohde Funeral Home in Manning. Casketbearers were William Opperman, Gene Martens, Sam Wiese, Clifford Tank, Cleo Chamberlain and Clifford Johnson.