

William M. Claussen, 71

Kansas — William M. Claussen, was born April 13, 1907, in New York City, N.Y., son of Edward and Suzanne Claussen. He died at his home in Summerfield, Kans., on Wednesday, March 14, 1979, at age 71 years.

As a young boy his family moved to Colo. He graduated from New Castle high school and attended the Univ. of Colo. at Boulder. He married Elizabeth Smith on May 19, 1934 in Carbondale, Colo. Later, Bill and his family were transferred to Scotland, S.D. by Metropolitan Life Ins., Co., where he managed a farm for five years. He and his brother, Edwin then joined together to form Claussen Bros. to manage a large farm near Defiance for the next 16 years. From Defiance he and his family moved to Summerfield. He was a member of the Episcopal church.

Mr Claussen was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Suzanne, his parents and two brothers - Harry and Edwin Claussen. Survivors include his wife, five children - Hilton Claussen of Co. Bluffs; Judy Doyel of Newell, Mary Ann Kienast of Lawson, Mo., Edward Claussen and William F. (Fritz) Claussen of Minden, Neb.; four sisters - Freda Treckman of Denver, Colo., Eleanor Roark of Casper, Wyo., Helen Santarelli of Cory, Colo., and Etta Jessup of Denver, Colo. and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Landreth-Thornburg Funeral Home in Axtell, Kans., on Saturday, March 17, 1979 with Rev. Robert Boyle of Axtell, officiating. Burial was in Rosebud cemetery in Glenwood Springs, Colo., with Dallas Bowhay, Waldo Nelson, Vernon Brien, Gehde Jurgens, Valen Christensen, Lawrence Bowmaster and Leo Glynn serving as honorary casketbearers.

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