

William James

William Frank, son of William and Nora B. Detwiler James, was born Sept. 15, 1901 near Astor. He attended the rural schools and graduated from the Manilla high school. He farmed with his father, near Astor and married Verne Baer on April 26, 1925. Frank farmed most of his life. He served as AAA committeeman from Shelby county from 1934-1947. He moved to Manilla in 1946 where he served as town clerk for seven years. He operated a hardware store in partnership with his son, George from 1952-59 and continued to farm in partnership with his son until 1962. He was a post master of Golden Leaf Lodge, No. 595, AF & AM, Manilla, served on the Jefferson township school board as member and secretary, was a member of the Presbyterian church in Manilla and was active in many other community affairs. Frank died at Crawford County Memorial hospital in Denison, on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1977 at age of 75 years, 3 months and 27 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, George and Howard and by twin girls in infancy. He is survived by his wife, Verne, two sons, Robert A. James, St. Petersburg, Fla., and George F. James, Kansas City, Mo. 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla on Saturday, Jan. 15, 1977 with Rev James Cobb, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Denison officiating. Burial was in Astor cemetery with Jim Theobald, Leo Rasmussen, Ken Ewoldt, Floyd Grage, Chas. W. Agan and Arno Miller serving as pallbearers. Honorary casketbearers were A. H. Soe, Frank Means, Lynn McCracken, Newt McCracken, Harry Barrow and Paul Conway.