

Lester "Bud" E. Benton

Sept. 28, 1918 - May 2, 1996

TUCSON, AZ - Lester E. Benton (Bud) was born in Westside, Crawford County, Sept. 28, 1918, son of Dillman E. Sr. and Bertha Truhlar Benton. He graduated from Westside High School in 1937. After graduation, he joined the family farm operation and was also an active partner of the D.E. Benton Co.

Aug. 28, 1940 he married Verda Crampton at the Morningside Presbyterian Church in Sioux City by the Rev. Moore. After their marriage they lived on a farm west of Westside, moving to Vail in 1945, where they lived until 1969. In 1958 he began his employment at Farmland in Denison. He was one of the first employees when the plant opened and continued with the firm until his retirement in 1981, after 23 years of employment. The couple built a home in Denison and lived there until they moved to Tucson, AZ in Aug. 1995. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He died May 2, 1996 in Tucson, AZ after a long illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dillman E. and Bertha Benton; a sister, Pearl (Mrs. Ervin) Lenz, and two brothers, Richard E. (Rocky) Benton and Dillman E. (Mike) Benton, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Verda of Tucson, AZ; three daughters, Gail Cose (Carter) of Tucson, AZ; Jean Trausch (Ray) of Carroll; Ardis Klink (Gene) of Tucson, AZ; ten grandchildren; six great grandchildren; two sisters, Georgene Peters (Lester) of Harlan and Verna E. Frank (Harry) of Carroll and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held May 9, 1996 at the Huebner Funeral Home, Denison with Rev. Thomas Buzbee officiating. Burial was in the Westside Cemetery, Westside. Casket bearers were Casey Westhoff, Eric Trausch, Aaron Klink, Dr. David Soll, Alan Heiman and Jeff Walter.