

Ora "Bill" Babbitt, 90

March 6, 1925 - May 25, 2015

AVOCA — Ora "Bill" Hugh

Babbitt was born on March 6, 1925 to Glenn and Hazel (Franklin) Babbitt in Cass County. Bill was the eighth child of a family of eleven: Bill attended several country schools and graduated from Walnut High School with the class of 1942.

Bill helped on the family farm until he married Maye Ellen Stormer on December 19, 1943 in Shenandoah. They were blessed with three children Connie, Patricia and Garvin. Bill's farming was his passion. He always considered farming not



only his occupation but his lifetime hobby. One of the things he loved most about farming was how all the neighbors helped each other in times of need. Other interests he had when not farming were fishing, hunting, square dancing and ballroom dancing. Some of his achievements were Cattleman of the Year and Pork Producer of the Year. He was a 4-H Leader for four years and board member of the Shelby County Pork Producers. Bill died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Monday, May 25, 2015.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Hubert, Darlene, Doris, Clara, Bud, Dean, Velma and Neva. He is survived by his wife Maye Babbitt of Avoca; children: Connie Robinson of Shelby; Patricia and her husband Rodney Blount of Merriam, KS and Garvin Babbitt and his wife Judy of Avoca; sister Hyla Nash of Atlantic; brother Dell Babbitt and his wife Sharon of Estes Park, CO; Nine grandchildren, seventeen great grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren and one on the way.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday May 29, 2015 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca. Honorary Casket bearers were: Shane Robinson, Bert Brocker Babbitt, Brad Robinson, Drey Matula and Casey Good. Active Casket bearers were Brandon Blount, Keith Gehring, Ross Woods, Clayton Mayfield, Brennon Pedersen and Haeven Pedersen.

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