

Bernard Cox, 91

Jan. 13, 1922 - Sept. 26, 2013

TENNANT — Bernard Keith Cox, the son of Bert Howard and Esther Vivian (McKeighan) Cox, was born on January 13, 1922, on the family farm in rural Tennant. Bernard attended school in Tennant where he graduated from Tennant High School. He then later attended the Municipal University of Omaha (University of Nebraska - Omaha) where he studied mechanical engineering. Upon the outbreak of World War II, Bernard returned to Tennant to help run the grain elevator which was the family business.

June 7, 1942, Bernard was united in marriage to Harriet Elaine Brauch in Omaha, NE. After their marriage, the couple made their home in Tennant where they operated the Tennant Elevator which later became the Cox Grain Company, and raised their five children: Bert Jay, Bernadine Kay, Bert David, Berle Jay, Bernard Keith, Jr. Throughout the years he has been a member of the Tennant Methodist, Bethel Baptist, First Baptist, where he taught the Adult Sunday School class for approximately twenty years, then New Hope, and finally the Altamont Baptist Church. He was a proud member of the 8 Ball Club at the Harlan Airport and owned and flew a red Mooney Super 21 out of there for many years. During this time, he was also a member of the Flying Farmers. He owned and operated a Stanley Steamer for several years and took it in several parades in the area. He was the first fertilizer dealer in the area and was the President of a NH₃ and CO₂ manufacturing facility named Green Valley Chemical based in Creston. Bernard passed away on Thursday, September 26, 2013, at Prairie Meadows in Omaha, NE, having attained the age of ninety one years, eight months, ten days.

In addition to his parents, Bernard is preceded in death by his wife, Harriet and his two sons, Bert Jay and Berle Jay. Survivors include his children: Bernadine Ames of Caldwell, ID, Bert Cox of Rushville, MO, Bernard "Bernie" Cox, Jr. and his wife Dawn of Omaha, NE; his five grandchildren: Will Ames and his wife Carissa, Brandi Mertens and her husband Joe, Angela Mitchell and her husband Bruce, Bert David Cox, Jr. and his wife Emily and Jared Cox; his seven great grandchildren: Alan, Alexandria, Cameo, Ender, Leigh, Peyton, and Zoe; other relatives and friends.

Pastor Diana Holland officiated the 11:00 a.m. funeral service at Altamont Baptist Church in rural Harlan on Friday, Oct 4, 2013. Music was



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