



enced the Lord's presence so powerfully, it created a life long impact.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Helen, in 1978, and his youngest son, Charles Robert, in 1977. Surviving are Frederick R. Horne, III (Sue) of Sloan; Peter N. Horne (Penny) of Harlan; two brothers, Charles (Margaret); Robert (Betty); adopted brother, James David (Nadine) all from Independence, MO; sister-in-law, Vera McIntosh (Bill); brothers-in-law, Willis Peterson (Helen) and Charles Peterson (Shirley) of Atkinson. Grandchildren, Jennifer and Carl Horne of Sloan and Peter N. and Cassandra of Harlan; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sept. 23, 1996 at Crosby-Kunold-Burket-Swanson-Golden Funeral Chapels in Omaha; September 24, 1996 at the Methodist Church in Atkinson, NE and Sept. 25, 1996 at Speaks Funeral Home in Independence, MO. Grave site services followed at Mound Grove Cemetery.

Fred R. Horne, Jr., 73

ATKINSON, NE - Frederick R. Horne, Jr., prominent rancher, farmer and banker, died at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha Sept. 21, 1996. Fred was born in Independence, MO, the eldest son of Frederick Raymond Horne and Ellen Alberta Jenkins Horne. He graduated from Wm. Christian High School and spent a year at Central Missouri State at Warrensburg, MO. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and became a pilot before the war was over.

Dec. 27, 1946, he married Helen L. Peterson. To this union three boys were born. They moved to the Charley Peterson Dustin Ranch north of Atkinson, NE. He began his ranch career working for his father-in-law, Charley W. Peterson. Fred developed a herd of cattle at the north ranch from 1947 through 1960. Also during this time he was involved in retail businesses known as Grasslands Oil Co., Grasslands Irrigation Co. and Massey Harris Implement dealership. Fred started his farming career in the early 1960's developing center pivot irrigated farm ground north of Atkinson. Fred was the first commercial potato grower in the area. After that experience, he stayed focused on raising corn and cattle. Fred was the largest popcorn grower in the nation during the early 1970's. The farm operation grew to 33 irrigated quarters and a two-million bushel commercial grain elevator. Fred developed his dream of using the water from the Niobrara River to irrigate rangeland at the north ranch after Charley Peterson's death in 1972.

In 1988, Fred had the opportunity with Charles Peterson's help to purchase the home ranch of Charley and Della Peterson. Fred's last vision, which has not been fully disclosed to the family yet, was to develop and maintain Charley and Della's home place with the best Angus cattle originating from Charley's herd seedstock. One of Fred's last wishes was to maintain this ranch as a gift to his beloved, departed wife, Helen, in tribute to her parents, Charley and Della, preserving the ranch in their memory.

In 1971, Fred bought his first bank in Missouri Valley. Since then he has purchased the Harlan National Bank, Citizens National Bank of Avoca and Mondamin Savings Bank. Fred was proud of his association with these communities and valued the many friends and associates he developed over the years as an owner and director of each bank. Fred was proud to be able to serve the financial needs of each community. As Fred did with every project he undertook, he devoted extensive time and effort to his church. This was especially evident when he was in his thirties. Fred was elected District President of his church, the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, guiding and counseling the congregation in a three state area. Fred was always very active in the church work and at the north