

William "Red" Kahler, 92 ✓

Oct. 31, 1913 - March 21, 2006

MINDEN — William "Red" Kahler was born Oct. 31, 1913, in Montpelier, to Otto and Caroline Harbeck Kahler. He attended school in Treynor and Minden, graduating from Minden High School in 1931. He started Kahler Garage in 1940 and Minden Farm Equipment in 1953. Bill was a member of the Minden United Church of Christ and a charter member of the Minden Community Club. He was a pitcher in his youth and continued to play well into his fifties. He and his wife, Mary, bowled for many years. He took up golf upon his retirement in 1978 and continued playing until he was 90 years of age. Bill and Mary would have celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary April 15, 2006. He died March 21, 2006, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age of 92 years, four months and 21 days.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Christine (Reimers); sisters, Anna Danker and Carrie Pieper; and a brother, John Kahler. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn "Mary" Kahler of Minden; his son, Dennis Kahler (Shirley) of Minden; his daughter, Kathy Kirkpatrick (Gene) of St. Louis, MO; three grandchildren, Tracey Fox (Kevin) of Minden; Todd Kahler and his special friend, Kayanne Lambright, of Austin, TX; and Lee Kirkpatrick of St. Louis, MO; four great-grandchildren, Ally, Hannah, Peyton and Sierra Fox; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 24, 2006, at the Minden United Church of Christ with Pastor Brian Wohlhuter officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Abe VanRoekel, Harley Lund, Frode Jensen and Mike Jensen. Casket bearers were Todd Kahler, Gary Kahler, Lee Kirkpatrick, Darrell Danker, Kevin Fox and Bruce Ruff. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Avoca, in charge of arrangements.