

William Sievers, 97

Sept. 26, 1922 - July 28, 2009

WALNUT - William Frederick Sievers, son of William and Anna (Lamp) Sievers, was born on September 26, 1922 in Minden. He was one of five children. In 1912, he and his mother rode in a railcar to Briggsdale, CO where his grandfather had homesteaded. As William grew older, he loved to farm and hunt. He taught himself to play the piano and accordion and would often play for dances. In 1934, he went to work for Hormel in Austin, MN. William then joined the National Guard and due to a deaf ear, he remained in the states during the war and became a mess sergeant where he was in charge of feeding 440 men.



In 1941, William married June Dock. Three daughters were born to this union. They resided in Austin, MN until they moved to Minneapolis where William drove a gasoline transport. In 1950, they moved to LaCross, WI and in 1951 back to Minneapolis. In 1952, Bill moved his family to Briggsdale to join his brother and father on the home place where they shared the farming operation. In 1954, the family moved to a farm south of Walnut. June passed away in 1966.

In 1971, Bill married Loree Oman. Bill retired from farming and moved to Cozad, NE where he built his own home on a lake so he could enjoy one of his favorite past times of fishing. Loree passed away in 2001. Bill moved back to Walnut in 2002. Bill had many hobbies and interests in his lifetime. He loved to farm and plant gardens, playing the piano, organ, and accordion, dancing, drawing cartoons, photography, reading, cooking and baking, mechanics and just plain fixing everything. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was always a delight to his family and friends. He died July 28, 2009 at age 97.

In addition to his parents and wives, William was preceded in death by his brothers Raymond and Carl. Bill is survived by his children: Monica Joyce of Sidney, NE, Susie Sievers and friend Mark Petersen of Avoca, Margo and her husband Doug Matthies of Walnut; step-children Bob and Mary Oman of Holdredge, NE, Dick and Sharon Oman of Omaha, NE, Sheryl and Brian Jones of Broomfield, CO and Dave and Maureen Oman of Grand Island, NE; eight grandchildren; fourteen step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews and many friends.

Rev. David Krueger officiated the 10:30 AM funeral on Saturday, August 1, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut. Serving as casket bearers were Brian Shea, Michael Shutters, Marty Sievers, Reid Matthies, Matthew Joyce, and Billy Sievers. Interment was held in Grace-

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