

Obituary

Clarence J. Hoffman

Clarence J. "Bud" Hoffman was born on February 24, 1917 on a farm south of Dorchester to Joe and Emma (Krivohlavek) Hoffman, the youngest of two children and died suddenly at his home near Beaver Crossing on Monday, December 17, 2007 at the age of 90 years 9 months and 23 days. Clarence was baptized on May 18, 1960 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waco where he was a faithful member until his death. He grew up and attended school in Saline County, and later served in the US Coast Guard during WWII from August 4, 1942 to February 12, 1946 which included time as a boiler room operator on the USS Randall. Returning from his service in the Coast Guard, Clarence returned to farming and on November 14, 1947, he was united in marriage to Albie Ladman and to this union two sons Dean and Dan were born.

Together they made their home on the family farm near Dorchester until they purchased their own farm near Beaver Crossing in 1956. Clarence was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Waco for 47 years and a former member of the Dorchester American Legion, later joining the Beaver Crossing American Legion Holmes Post #178 for a total of 62 years. His hobbies in his spare time were playing cards at the Utica Senior Center and visiting with other retired farmers keeping up with local politics and world affairs. Special meals that he enjoyed were fried chicken, reuben sandwiches and liver and onions. Bud was a very quiet man, loved to farm and spend time out doors. In his retirement he enjoyed watching birds.

He is survived by his wife, Albie, Beaver Crossing, sons and daughter-in-law, Dean Hoffman, York, Dan and Christine Hoffman, Elkhorn, brother-in-law, Joe Ladman, Dorchester, Joe Kudelka, Rupert, Idaho, sisters-in-law, Tillie Soukup, Dorchester, Ella Vajgrt, Paul, Idaho, nephew, Jack and Beth Hoffman, Friend, other nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law, brother and sister-in-law, Elvin and Goldie Hoffman, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Clarence Engel, Arnie Soukup, Jim Vajgrt, Ed, Ray, and Shirley Ladman and Irene Kudelka.

A Funeral Service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waco with Rev. Paul T. Kern officiating. Interment was in the Dorchester Cemetery with military services conducted by Beaver Crossing American Legion Post #178. Visitation was from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday at Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Beaver Crossing and one hour prior to service at church on Thursday. In lieu of flowers memorials have been established to the Beaver Crossing Rescue Squad or St. John's Lutheran Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Lauber-Moore Funeral Home, Beaver Crossing. Condolences may be sent to the family at laubermore.com.