

## Obituary

Edward J. Smith

Ed Smith of Dorchester, was born on the family farm near Milligan, Neb., on March 6, 1916 to Ed and Anna (Capek) Smith and died July 16, 2007 in Lincoln at the age of 91 years, 4 months and 10 days. He attended grade school at District 96 and then graduated from Milligan High School in 1933.

He helped on the family farm and was able to find other work near there. He was united in marriage to Helen M. Zumpfe on January 20, 1942. Together they made their home on a rented farm and later moved to the family farm. In 1967 they purchased the Dorchester Variety Store. Ed also took up carpentry work; building houses, as well as building their home. Throughout the years, Ed built over 80 grandfather clocks, some of which have been sent out of state.

Ed belonged to ZCBJ Lodge #389 of Saline Center for over 60 years. He and Helen traveled often, including a trip to the Czech Republic. He enjoyed building cedar chests made of lumber which he cut and planed. He used many different kinds of lumber to make cathedral clocks in his later years. Ed and Helen belonged to the Nebraska Barbwire Collectors Club. They received many awards. He had many collections of different wire; the most exciting one from the Wall in Czechoslovakia. They always had beautiful gardens of vegetables and flowers. Ed took many pictures of them. Ed and Helen enjoyed fishing, usually taking two trips a year, which was a must for them.

Ed is survived by two sisters, Anna Smith of Emerald and Dorothy Tuttle of Friend, two sisters-in-law, Olga NejdI of Crete and Edna Capek of Milligan, a brother-in-law, Kenneth Ebbka, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, parents, sisters, Helen Mika of Lincoln and Clara Vanek of Twin Falls, Idaho, and brothers-in-law, George Mika, Carl Tuttle, and Clarence Vanek.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 19, 2007, 10:30 a.m. at the Dorchester United Methodist Church in Dorchester, Nebraska, with Rev. Paixao Baptista officiating. Soloist was Mr. Elmer NemeC who sang "The Old Rugged Cross", "One Day At A Time" accompanied by Mrs. Patricia Butt on the organ. Interment was in Lincoln Memorial Park in Lincoln, Nebraska. Pallbearers were Gary Tuttle, David Tuttle, Terry Smith, Alvin Pomajzl, Robert Engel and Ray Capek. Kuncl Funeral Home, Crete, Neb., was in charge of arrangements.