

Max Bacon, 85

Jan. 25, 1925 - July 7, 2010

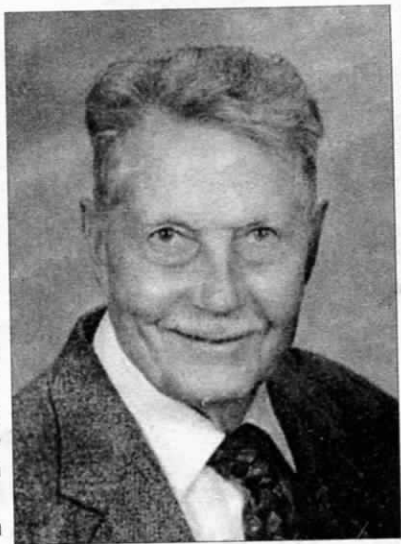
HARLAN — Max Elliott Bacon was born on January 25, 1925 to Oliver and Beulah (Pfister) Bacon in Harlan. He attended school in Harlan and graduated from Harlan High School with the Class of 1943. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corp and served during World War II achieving rank of Second Lieutenant before his honorable discharge in 1946. After being discharged, Max returned to Iowa and attended Iowa University in Iowa City and later graduated from Morningside College in Sioux City with a degree in Business Administration.

While attending school in Iowa City, Max met and later married Jeanette Siegel on November 25, 1949 in Iowa City. To this union two children were born: Max Bacon, II and Valli Bacon. Max worked at Goodrich tire in Bellevue, NE until joining his father at the Schwab and Bacon Hardware Store in 1955, approximately thirty-five years after his father started the business in 1920. He took over the business and ran Bacon Hardware, Bicycle Sales and Locksmith until his retirement in 2006. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing but his true passion was major league baseball and the Kansas City Royals.

Max was united in marriage to Muriel Thomsen Muller on September 14, 1974, by Judge Bennett Cullison at the Cullison Home in Harlan. Max and Muriel lived in the Cresthaven Addition east of Harlan from 1974 to 1987 when they moved to their condominium on Country Club Drive in Harlan. He had recently become a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Home where he died on Wednesday, July 7, 2010, having attained the age of eighty-five years, five months, and twelve days.

In addition to his parents, Max was preceded in death by his sister, Ann Bocken. Max is survived by his wife of thirty-five years Muriel Bacon of Harlan; his son Max Bacon II and his wife Wendy of Sedona, AZ, daughter Valli and her husband Scott Jensen of Hot Springs Village, AR, step-daughter Marjorie Muller and her husband Robert Grim of Danielsville, PA, step-son Michael Muller and his wife Barbara of Arlington, TX; three grandchildren: Shannon Kramer, Marty Atkinson and Allan Bacon, step-granddaughter Mollie Muller; and great-grandchildren Devin and Regan Kramer; other family members and many friends.

Rev. Dr. Dave Swinton officiated the 10:30 AM funeral service on Monday, July 12, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. Military Rites were conducted by Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 at the Harlan Cemetery.



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