

Robert Bane, 92

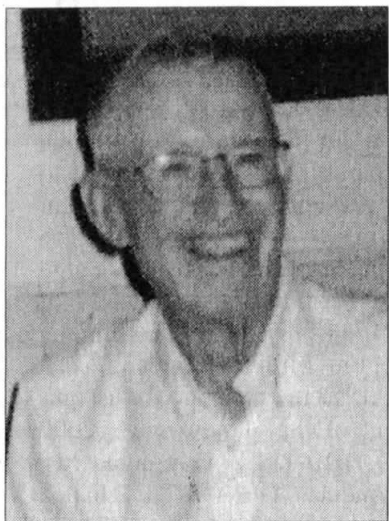
July 23, 1917 - July 30, 2009

MINDEN — Robert Austin Bane, the son of I. O. and Mae (Potter) Bane, was born on July 23, 1917, on a farm near Oakland. He attended school in the Oakland area and graduated from Oakland High School in 1936. After finishing school, Bob continued to farm near Oakland. During his farming days, Bob worked hard raising his crops and feeding cattle. He was especially fond of raising Black Angus cattle.

Bob was united in marriage to Francenia Rose Thayer on March 5, 1938 in Wahoo, NE. Two children were born to this union, Phil and Julie. They continued to live on the farm where Francenia taught country school. Bob's grandchildren started mowing the Fairview Cemetery in 1980. After his grandchildren went off for school, Bob and Francenia continued to care for the cemetery together until Francenia's death on June 2, 2001. Bob was dedicated to the care of the cemetery, even assisting last year when he was 91 years old. He then supervised his son Phil until his own death. He has been a member of ARK Masonic Lodge AF & AM No. 335 of Oakland for over 50 years and he was a current member of the United Church of Christ in Minden. Bob was able to die where he wanted to, at his own home in Minden, on July 30, 2009, just seven days after his 92nd birthday.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his wife of over 63 years, Francenia; two sisters, Doris and Marjorie; and two brothers, Oscar and John. Survivors include his children: Phil of Minden; Julie and her husband Ed Burgess of Lexington, KY; four grandchildren: Kirk Bane of Ft. Collins, CO; Andy Bane and his wife Jennifer of Lone Tree, CO; Christy and her husband Ed Dalton of Lexington, KY; Tonya and her husband Scott Barber of Ft. Collins, CO; six great-grandchildren: Grant, Olivia, Lucy, Amanda, Charlie, Robert, and Tyler; one brother Kenneth and his wife Dorothy, living in California, other relatives and many friends.

Memorial services were held on Monday, August 3, 2009, at United Church of Christ in Minden. Rev. Brian Wohlhuter officiated the 2:00 PM service. A private burial will be held at a later date.



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