

Robert Frank Morris, 86

May 14, 1914 - Jan 5, 2001

HARLAN - Robert Frank Morris, the son of Ellis Frank and Nellie Melzena (White) Morris, was born May 14, 1914, in Harlan. He attended Harlan High School, and graduated in 1931.

Oct. 4, 1936, he married Anna Christine Christiansen in Papillion, NE. From 1936-40, the couple lived in Des Moines, where Robert was employed at a menswear store. For a year, they lived in Griswold, where he worked in the poultry and egg business with his brother. While he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Anna lived in Harlan. From 1947-63, they lived in York, Crete, Omaha, Morrill, and Chadron, NE, and Walnut. In 1963, they moved to Crawford, NE, where Anna operated an antique shop and Robert refinished furniture. During this time, Robert was a district sales manager for a livestock feed company. They returned to Harlan during the summer of 1981. Anna died in Harlan May 3, 1994. Robert became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community in June, 2000. He was past member of the Toastmaster's Club in Chadron, NE. He died Jan. 5, 2001, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 86 years, 7 months, and 22 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his wife, Anna; two daughters, Rosemary Elizabeth Morris (in infancy) and Roberta Anne Morris; one son, Thomas Frank Morris; and two brothers, Harold Morris and Elliott Morris. Survivors include two sons, John (Kathy) Morris of Omaha, NE, and Richard (Gloria) Morris of Arlington Heights, IL; one daughter-in-law, Janice Morris of York, NE; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan 8, 2001, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen of the Irwin United Methodist Church officiating. Casket bearers were Jon Noon, John White, Mitchell Morris, Mark Morris, Colby Ramsey, and Douglas Morris. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.