



Earl R. Stalnaker

August 25, 1932 - October 30, 2009

Earl R. Stalnaker of Fredonia, age 77, died Friday, October 30, 2009 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas. Earl was born August 25, 1932 to Vancil T. and Mary Kathrine (Reyman) Stalnaker in Chappell, Nebraska.

Earl was a graduate of the University of Nebraska. On April 11, 1954 in Dunbar, Nebraska Earl married Mona M. Clark, she survives at their home. Earl and Mona were married for 55 years. In March of 1955 Earl went into the United States Airforce, he served as a SSGT until February of 1959.

Earl returned to Chappell, Nebraska where he farmed for the next 30 years. Earl was a member of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association, Elks Club, Lutheran Brotherhood, Rotary, and a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge. He served as a county Commissioner for Cheyenne County, in Nebraska, and he was a member of the Methodist Church in Chappell.

In his free time, Earl collected coins. He was an avid "Story Teller", telling jokes and just enjoyed talking with family and friends.

Survivors including his wife Mona are:

Four Daughters:

Kathy and Mark Pretzer of Beatrice, Nebraska

Amy and Rick Brown of Fredonia, Kansas

Penny and Jack Dye of Hermosa, South Dakota

Jill and Dennis Comer of Phillips, Nebraska

Six Grandchildren: Russell and Ashlee Brown, Josh and Gemma Pretzer, Amber and Shaunie Comer.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother Lee Roy Stalnaker.

Funeral Service will be held Monday, November 2, 2009 at 10:00 am at Countryside Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Benefiel officiating. Masonic Rites will be given at the service by Constellation Lodge #95. Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to service time. After the service, the family has chosen cremation with burial of the cremains to be at Chappell, Nebraska with their local Masonic Lodge. Burial services will be held at a later date. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Fredonia Masonic Lodge or the charity of donor's choice, and may be sent to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Countryside Funeral Home, P.O. Box 247, 420 S. 20th St. Fredonia, KS 66736 620-378-2882