



Richard Nelson

April 9, 1923 – February 9, 2013

Richard Nelson, 89, longtime Keith County resident, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 in Sutherland Care Center.

Richard was born April 9, 1923 in Kearney County, Nebraska, the son of Nels and Mette (Hjelm) Nelson. Richard attended rural school near Minden. After graduating from eighth grade Richard helped his brothers on the family farm.

In 1939 Richard and his brother Floyd Nelson started Nelson Feed and Produce in Palisade. The business later expanded to Maywood and Hayes Center.

On September 12, 1942 Richard was united in marriage to Reva L. Marchant at Princeton, Missouri. The couple resided in Jamaica, Iowa. He was employed by Nelson Feed Company in Palisade until enlisting in the US Navy. Richard served on the USS Hyperion with Company 218, Regiment 5, Battalion 19. He was discharged on November 10, 1945.

Other employments included the Nelson Grocery Store at Hayes Center; Kohl Motors and Otis Beach Ford, both in Ogallala. He also worked for Bud Hall in Curtis and later was a home builder.

Richard was a member of the Congregational Church of Hayes Center. He belonged to the Masons, VFW, and the American Legion. His hobbies included fishing and playing bingo.

Preceding him in death were his parents, wife Reva L. Nelson, son Ricky Donn Nelson, ten brothers, one sister, and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include:

His children: Linda (husband Cliff) Schaubert of Erath, Louisiana; Lana (husband Larry) Behrens of Caddo, Oklahoma; and Robert (Laura) Nelson of Keystone, Nebr.

23 grandchildren: James (Cherie) Altman; Cathi (Darry) Dekens; Sandra (Gary) Babin; Scott Reeser; Samantha (Joey) Barone; Brandon (Athena) Behrens; Liza (Shawn) Hall; Julian Behrens; Cassy McCreay; Roger Behrens; Dessie Miller; Maggie, Ericka, Christopher, David, Joshua, & Emily Behrens; Jennifer (Jeff) Neilsen; Sara Danielson; Megan Danielson; Kelsey Nelson; Joshua (Adrienne) Nelson; Ranae (D.J.) Selmeyer and 36 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

The family chose cremation. The Memorial Service will be Saturday, March 23, at 10 a.m. in Draucker Funeral Home. Pastor J A Welsh of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will officiate. Inurnment is in Fort McPherson National Cemetery at a later date.

Online Condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com. Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.

