



## Robert "Bob" Statler

February 9, 1932 – February 24, 2012

Robert "Bob" Statler, 80, longtime Keystone resident, died Friday, February 24, 2012 in the Ogallala Community Hospital.

Bob was born February 9, 1932 in Chappell, the son of Newman and Iva Jones Statler. He attended school in Chappell. His employment in Ogallala included Goodalls and he was a tune up specialist at the Ford Garage.

Bob met Mabel Hill at the Ogallala skating rink on May 13, 1954. They became engaged on the same day in 1955 and then were married on May 13, 1956 in the Arthur Baptist Church. The couple made their home in Ogallala and later moved to Keystone.

The couple purchased a grocery store in Keystone from Howard Hays. The Statlers later added on a car mechanic's garage where Bob tuned up cars and sold tires. Statler's "generally open" Store provided groceries and supplies for the community for many years. The facility was later sold and became the office of Keystone Arthur Telephone Co. and Bob did maintenance on all the vehicles for the Telephone Co. Bob retired at the age of 65.

His hobbies included hunting, fishing, and working on old key wind clocks. When he was younger he enjoyed working on older cars and taking them for drives around Lake McConaughy.

Preceding him in death was his wife of 55 years, Mabel Statler; his daughter Roberta Fenwick; and grandson Zach Fenwick.

Survivors include his son William Statler and his wife Cheryl; one granddaughter Mariah Statler, all of Lemoyne; and daughter Rebecca McNeelie of Maysville, GA. Two sisters-in-law: Lois Vath of Big Springs and Louise Hill of Keystone.

Visitation will be Monday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Draucker Funeral Home.

The Funeral Service will be Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 10 a.m. in the Ogallala First Baptist Church with Rev. Curtis Tschetter officiating.

A memorial has been established to the Lemoyne Senior Center. Interment is in the Arthur Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to [webmaster@drauckerfh.com](mailto:webmaster@drauckerfh.com).

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.

