



Harold Eldon “Bud” Swan

January 21, 1923 – July 9, 2012

Harold "Bud" Swan, 89, of Springfield, CO and formerly of Arthur, NE, died July 9, 2012 in the South East Colorado Long Term Care Center in Springfield, CO.

Harold Eldon Willis Swan was born January 21, 1923 in Lewellen, NE. He was the fifth of seven children born to Frank and Hazel (Mecham) Swan, a ranching family from the Sandhills of Nebraska. Harold became a Christian at a young age.

Harold's father died when Harold was twelve, and he quit school after eighth grade to help run the ranch until it sold in 1945. In June of that year, he met the love of his life at a church camp meeting in Colorado. On November 15, 1945 Harold married Ola Mae Miracle at the Grand Junction Pilgrim Holiness Church. To this union were born Rebecca Carol, Annetta Kae, Baby Boy Swan, Richard Willis, and Esther June.

After moving a few times, (from Nebraska to Grand Junction, CO, to Colorado Springs, CO) and holding several jobs, Harold and Ola Mae moved back to the Sandhills of Nebraska. They spent most of their married life as a ranching family near Arthur, NE, a life they loved. There they made many lifelong friends and wonderful memories in their baled-hay house.

In 1996 Harold and Ola Mae sold their ranch and retired, moving to Campo, CO, to be near Esther and her family. They moved to the Springfield Long Term Care Center in 2009.

Preceding him in death were his wife, baby son, one daughter Annetta Adair, one grandson Amoriah Adair, one great-granddaughter Kylie Rhoads, his parents, three brothers, and two sisters.

Survivors include his children: Carol and her husband Daryle England of Colorado Springs, CO; Richard Swan and his wife Vivian; and Esther and her husband LeRoy England of Campo, CO, and a sister Naomi Vanhuss of Campo, CO. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service is Tuesday, July 17, at 10:30 a.m. in the Arthur Baptist Church. Interment is in the Arthur Cemetery. In honor of Harold's legacy, memorial contributions may be given to Global Partners via their website at www.wesleyan.org/gp. Several of Harold's grandchildren are missionaries through Global Partners.

Online condolences may be sent to webmaster@drauckerfh.com.

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.