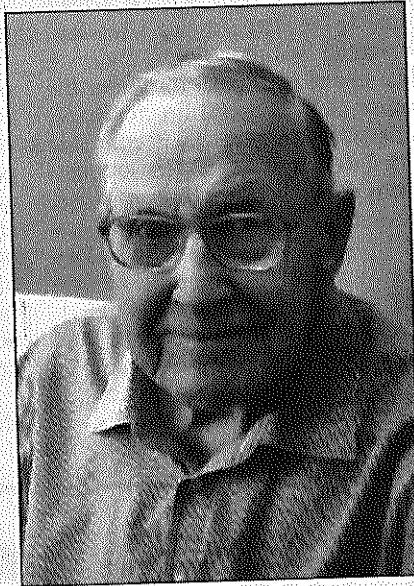


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5-14-2015 Truman Oliver Rosedale, 98

Truman Oliver Rosedale, a long time, highly respected area farmer, passed away at the Iowa River Hospice Home, Saturday, May 9th, 2015. Truman was surrounded by his loving wife of almost 68 years, his children, and other close family members at his bedside.



Truman was born June 17, 1916, to Oliver S. and Andrea Roinstad-Rosedale in rural Tama County, Iowa. He was honored as an 80 year graduate of the LeGrand Iowa High School in June 2013. Upon graduation in 1933, he left for Yorba Linda, California, to work on his brother's, Selmer Rosedale, citrus farm. Two years later he returned to Iowa to begin his farming career in central Iowa.

On June 8, 1947, he was united in marriage to Betty Jean Rubenbauer at the Central Christian Church in Marshalltown, Iowa. To this union, two children were born: Trudie Jean Wood (Thomas) of Indianola, Iowa, and Tracy Truman Rosedale of Albion, Iowa. He always enjoyed relating his early farming experiences to his children and grandchildren. He attended their dance and piano recitals, dance team competitions, basketball, softball games, and tennis matches, and rarely missed his grandson's wrestling events following him from second grade through his successful college wrestling career.

Truman was a birthright member of the Stavanger Friends Church, believing and adhering to Quaker principles. Some of his memberships include the Farm Bureau, Gilman Farmers Elevator Board, Sons of Norway, Charter Member of the Gilman Lions Club, and Grinnell Elks Club.

A lifelong farmer in Marshall and Jasper counties, Truman was an early proponent of soil conservation and stewardship, believing the land should be maintained and preserved. As a proponent of higher education, Truman was very influential with his children and grandchildren, encouraging them to further their education. He was also proud to be an 8-1/2 year melanoma survivor.

He witnessed many changes during his almost 99 years: traveling to school and farming with horses, to owning one of the first tractors with a cab in the community, to witnessing his son's G.P.S. farming equipment.

He treasured his Norwegian-Quaker heritage, making several visits to his mother's homeland and other Scandinavian countries accompanied by his wife, children, their spouses, and including two sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, 11 sisters, and two brothers: Mabel Rosedale-Carey, Irva Rosedale-Meltvedt, Alma Rosedale-Wolken, Wyona Rosedale-Males, Marie Rosedale-Parsons, (Inga) Luwilda Rosedale-Parker, Winifred Rosedale-Hoover, Irene Rosedale-Minde, Olive Rosedale, Selmer Rosedale and Alvin Rosedale. Also preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Bambi S. Rosedale, brother-in-law, Dale Rubenbauer, sister-in-law Mary Lou Rubenbauer, and parents-in-law, Lloyd and Helen Rubenbauer, and also several Rosedale brothers-in-law and a Rosedale sister-in-law.

Surviving are his wife Betty J., daughter, Trudie J. Wood (Thomas) and son, Tracy T. Rosedale; four grandchildren: Raejean Sue Rosedale, Brett Oliver Rosedale, Julie Jean Wood and Jill Diane Wood (Dan J. Pepin) and three great-grandchildren: twins, Lexie Rae Rosedale and Lillie Jean Rosedale, and great-grandson, Traevian Truman Rosedale; sisters, Marjorie Beane (Donald), LeGrand, Iowa, and Anna (Chester) Rosedale-McDonough, of Port Charlotte, Florida; many special nieces and nephews; and brothers-in-law, Glen Rubenbauer (Marlene), Richard Rubenbauer and Chester McDonough.

Services are planned for Saturday, May 16th, 2015, at the Mitchell Funeral Home in Marshalltown, Iowa, with Pastor Jim Bonser, Stavanger Friends Church, officiating. Visitation will begin at 11:00 AM, followed by a celebration of life beginning at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, family requests memorials that will be designated at a later date.

Private family graveside services will follow at Rose Hills Memorial Gardens in Marshalltown, Iowa.