

Chester Elvin Lyle Vandament died on 01/24/07 at Salina Regional Hospital in Salina, KS. He was the son of Chester E. and Eva Mitchell Vandament. He was born at Covert, KS on Feb 18th, 1926. The family had just returned to Osborne Co. from living in Norton Co and the next day Elvin was born in a blizzard. The doctor was not able to get there in time so Mrs. Thompson from up the road assisted with the delivery.

Elvin attended grade school and three years of High School at Covert, KS. He then transferred to Osborne High for his senior year in order to get enough credits to graduate. He was quite a basketball player in Covert under John Locke's coaching. He also played his senior year at OHS. Elvin graduated in 1944.

His sister Dorretha operated a boarding house for working girls in Osborne, this is where he became acquainted with Joe Ann Boultinghouse and later married her on May 5th, 1950. To this marriage two sons were born, Mitch E. in 1955 and Max J. in 1968.

Elvin's parents purchased a farmstead northwest of Downs in the late 40's and also had a home in Osborne. Throughout the early years the two families traded houses numerous times. Elvin was a farmer-stockman all of his life, but during his younger years he had a period of failing health which required him to reduce his farming activities, so he took a correspondence accounting course through LaSalle University. He then obtained a position with John Jones Oil Co in Woodston, KS where he worked until he retired in 1989. Elvin and Joe Ann remained on the farm until 1994 when they moved their farm home to Osborne.

Elvin's health started declining in the past few years and on January 19th he suffered a heart attack due to lack of oxygen and was life watched to Salina where he passed away on January 24th, 2007 at the age of 80.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his three sisters, Dorretha Thornton, Charlotte Dixon, and Dora Sitts. Survivors include his wife, Joe Ann of Osborne, two sons; Mitch E. and wife Vickie of Osborne, Max J. of Salina and one grandson, Ryan of Parker, CO.

The body was cremated and a graveside service was held on Feb 10th, 2007 at the Osborne Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. Reverend Ron Harper presided over the service.

No visitation. The family requests memorials in lieu of flowers. Memorials may be made to the Rebecca Morrison House in Salina or the KU Endowment Association.

Clark-Gashaw Funeral Home in Osborne is handling the arrangements.