



## William J. Kaufman

June 28, 1920 - January 17, 2012

Mr. Will J. Kaufman

Wilfred Joseph (Will) Kaufman died on January 17, 2012 at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Graveside services will be held at the Allen Township Cemetery, Carlisle, Iowa on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. with Joseph W. Kaufman officiating. Family and friends will gather at the Peterson-Richardson Funeral Home in Carlisle, 415 School Street, at 1:00 p.m. prior to the services.

Will was born June 28, 1920 in Havelock, Iowa to Joseph and Mattie Kennel Kaufman. He spent his childhood years on the family farm and attended the Havelock Public Schools graduating with the Havelock Consolidated High School class of 1941. He attended college on a football scholarship at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa receiving a Bachelor of Science degree on June 2, 1947. Later, Will received a Masters of Arts degree in education from the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, on June 9, 1950. He received a Permanent Professional Certificate from the State of Iowa Board of Public Instruction on July 1, 1955 and was named a lifetime member of the National Education Association in May 1957.

Will completed additional courses at Drake University (Des Moines), the University of Northern Iowa (Cedar Falls), and Iowa State University (Ames). He began his teaching career at West Bend and served as high school principal at Hawarden, Lytton and Manson, Iowa. During his last 14 years of teaching he was the high school guidance counselor within the Manson Community Schools. Will's passion was treating faculty and students fairly and ensuring that students received an excellent education that would prepare them for entrance to college and careers. He often went the extra mile to help students attend college where circumstances might have prevented them from doing so.

While attending Morningside College, Will met Patricia Ann (Pat) Foulke. Pat received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Morningside, graduating cum laude on May 31, 1948. On May 29, 1949 Will and Pat were married in the living room of Pat's family home in Carlisle, Iowa, 500 School Street. In 1987 Will and Pat moved to Bartlesville, Oklahoma to be close to their only son, Joe, his wife Sheryl and their greatly loved granddaughter, Shelly. Will was a member of the Manson Mennonite Church until his move to Bartlesville, where he joined First United Methodist Church and later Grace Community Church.

Will is survived by a sister, Bernice Johnson of Minier, Illinois, son Joe Kaufman and his wife Sheryl of Bartlesville, and granddaughter Shelly and her husband Jesse Buffington of Houston. His parents preceded him in death, as did his wife Pat who died Sept. 20, 2000, two sisters, Marcille Davidhizer and

Marie Kaufman and two brothers, Ralph Kaufman and Wayne Kaufman. Memorials may be sent to the Will and Pat Kaufman Scholarship Fund, Hesston College, Box 3000, Hesston, KS 67062.

Funeral services and interment were under the direction of the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

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# Tribute Wall



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October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



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October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *A sympathy card has been sent to the family of William J. Kaufman  
c/o Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory funeral home.*

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January 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM