

OBITUARY

ALVIN BATES

George Alvin Theodore Bates was born Jan. 7, 1904 to James Polk & Anna Buchanan Bates. He passed away at his home in Nicodemus, November 9, 1986. He was the last of the six Bates children.

Alvin started school in Lansing, Kansas and continued his education in numerous towns throughout the state. He received auto mechanic training in Topeka; and after he returned to Nicodemus he used his natural talents to provide automotive and electronic services to the people of the community.

Alvin enjoyed telling friends and family of his experiences chauffeuring celebrities throughout the midwest in his younger years. He retired from working in road construction as a grader operator in 1974. He farmed with his son, Theodore Bernard until the time of his death.

On October 11, 1928, Alvin married Ada Williams; and to his union four children were born. Ada and Alvin joined the First Baptist Church of Nicodemus. They lived on the family homestead prior to moving to Nicodemus in 1947.

Alvin was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Frank, William Harry and Pearl; two sisters, Jeannetta Robinson and C. Maybelle Clark. He

leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Ada, his four children, Alvena (Mrs. Ordral) Alexander, Billie (Mrs. Robert) Brogden and Theodore, all of Nicodemus and Delano Bates of Hill City; his sixteen grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church, Nicodemus, on Friday, November 14, 1986 at 2:00 p. m. Interment was in the Mt. Olive Cemetery. Casket bearers were his grandsons: Robert Brogden, Jr., Rodney Brogden, Robert Alexander, Gary Alexander, Dale Alexander, and Tito Bates. Honoray bearers were: Raymond Kern, Bill Nichol, Bud Alexander, Jack Berkley, Luther Chamberlain, Alfie Gosselin, Nathaniel Moore, Paul Edward Davis, Guy W. Redd, Emery Lyle and Martin Kraft.

Rev. Robert Allen was officiating minister; and music was by the First Baptist Church Choir with Gil Alexander accompanist. Arrangements were by Spencer Chapel of Hill City.

THANK YOU

The family of Alvin Bates would like to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness during the loss of their loved one. The calls, visits, flowers, food, cards and your words of comfort and prayers have been much consolation to all of us.