

Richard "Dick" S. Bassett, 76, of Arnold, passed away May 23, 2010, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

He was born July 13, 1933, the second born of three children to Sidney T. and Lela E. (Williams) Bassett of Arnold. Dick spent his younger days in and around Arnold, attending the Arnold Public Schools and the First Baptist Church.

On Feb. 4, 1953, he was united in marriage to Marrietta Meyer and to this union a son was born, David Samuel Bassett.

In 1958, he served in the United States Air Force and served at Raider Base in Alaska during the Korean Conflict.

Richard and Luetta Patton were married July 24, 1959, at Kadoka, S.D. and to this union two children were born, Richard "Ted" T. and Elease J. Bassett. Richard attended Kearney Teachers College in Kearney and received a Masters Degree in Education. He taught school in Loup City, Grant, Broken Bow and returned to Arnold in 1972, where he retired.

Through the course of his life, Dick touched many lives.

He enjoyed meeting people and spending time with friends. Literally hundreds have received instruction from Mr. Bassett, while he taught school. He loved the kids that he taught and enjoyed being with them. There was a time for learning and a time for horsing around. Mr. Bassett made this clear, but he was involved in both. During the summer to keep busy Dick adjusted crops all over the Midwest for Farmers Mutual of Iowa, working for over 30 years. He was loved by many, disliked by very few, but respected by all. He enjoyed being outside caring for the lawn or cutting Cedar Trees in the pastures.

He was a member of the Arnold Baptist Church, American Legion and Rotary Club.

Dick is survived by his wife, Luetta, of Arnold; daughter, Elease (Bob) Kubish, of Andover, Kan.; two sons, Ted (Chris), of Stapleton, David, of Evanston, Wyo.; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Janette (Al) Andrews, of North Platte; aunt Laurine Thompson, of North Platte; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Marrietta; his sister, Ardis Roth; his infant twin daughters; and brother in law, Harry Heidt.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 27, at the Arnold Baptist Church in Arnold. Burial will be at the Arnold Cemetery with military honors graveside.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m., today, at the church.

Memorials will be to a scholarship at the Arnold High School in his memory.

Carpenter Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Published in North Platte Telegraph from May 26 to May 27, 2010