



Ray E. Dunkin

October 14, 1915 - September 16, 2006

Ray Eldred, son of Lelia (Stolebarger) and Lemuel Dunkin was born October 14, 1915 in El Campo, Texas. He passed away at the Alva Share Medical Center on the 16th day of September at the age of 90 years, 11 months and 2 days.

He attended the Sharon, Kansas school system and graduated from high school with the Class of 1933. In 1934 came to the Alva Northwestern Normal College for a year.

On April 9, 1937 at Enid, Oklahoma he was married to Vaudeth Maxine Hensley. To their marriage a son Rod was born. Vaudeth passed away on October 31, 1968.

Following their marriage they lived in Mooreland and he worked for Cities Services Gas Company for 8 years. In 1944 they moved to Barnsdall-Tallant and on June 1, 1959 they came to Alva to make their home and after working 19 years here he retired in 1978.

On December 27, 1969 he was married to Dortha Stookey Barkett at the Alva First Christian Church and they made their home in Alva.

Mr. Dunkin joined the Sharon Christian Church as a young man and then joined the Alva Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1960; he served as a Deacon and later as an Elder and became Elder Emeritus. He joined the Masonic Lodge at Mooreland, served as Worshipful Master and transferred his membership to the Alva Lodge. He received his 65 year pin in 2003.

Ray was a member of the Alva Golf Country Club and served on the board

and as president.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Virgil and his wife Opal.

Ray is survived by his wife Dortha of the home, a son Rod and his wife Cecie of Alva, two step daughters, Anne Place of Birmingham, Alabama and Robyn Barkett of Salem, Oregon. Five Grandchildren, Ryan Dunkin of Dallas, Texas; Kellie Dunkin of Bloomington, Indiana; Zane, Jevon and Chandra Place all of Birmingham, Alabama. Three nephews and their wives: Dennis and Llewlyn of Arvada, Colorado; David and Janet of Englewood, Florida and Steve and Mary of Fairway, Kansas other relatives and friends.

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