In Memoriam: William “Bill” Cass

WELCH—William “Bill” Cass, life-long resident of Welch, passed away Thur., Mar. 17, 2011, at Claremore Veterans’ Center in Claremore, Okla. He was 81 years old.

Bill was born May 1, 1929, in Welch to Lewis Porter and Mattie (Speaker) Cass. He was a 1947 graduate of Welch High School and attended Bacone College for 2 years.

Bill proudly served his country with the United States Air Force for four years. He was in a troop carrier squad in the Korean War and flew troops and supplies overseas. On May 29, 1953, he married Ethelyn Jacobs in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Bill worked for B.F. Goodrich in Miami, Okla., for many years and retired from Oklahoma Forensic Center in Vinita, Okla., about three years ago. He loved horses, cattle, and the farm life. He was a member of Welch Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ethelyn, of the home; one sister, Carol Calcagno of Welch; two sons, Steven Porter Cass, also of the home, and Bryan Cass of Bartlesville, Okla.; one daughter-in-law, Elsa Cass of Laredo, Tex; and two grandchildren, Ashley Cass and Alex Cass.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Mark Lewis Cass.

There will be a visitation for family and friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Mon., Mar. 21, 2011, at Thomas Funeral Home, Welch.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tue., Mar. 22, 2011, at Thomas Funeral Home in Welch. Robert Van House will officiate. Serving as pallbearers will be Merlin Arnold, George Hood, Jim Chronister, Ken Erstard, Bobby Dean McAffrey, and Jim Hood. Honorary pallbearers will be Greg Highsmith, Don Babst, Don Short, L.L. Hanley, Bill Chaney, Bill Polson, and Max Nidiffer.

Interment at Welch Cemetery in Welch.

Services under the direction of Jim Thomas, Thomas Funeral Home, Welch.

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