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### William Roath

(October 23, 1924 - September 21, 2015)



William J. "W.C." Roath age 90, of Purcell passed away Monday, September 21, 2015, at the Sunset Estates Nursing Home in Purcell. He was born October 23, 1924 in Dibble, Okla. He was the 6th child of seven children born to Daniel Crawford Roath and Maggie Mae (Southward) Roath. W C grew up a farm boy near Dibble and attended the Dibble schools. As a young man he learned the value of hard work by picking cotton and cutting broomcorn. At the age of 18, he married the love of his life, Lois Laverne Start. They were married on November 16, 1942 in Blanchard. That same year he was drafted into the U. S. Army and proudly served his country during WWII. WC and Lois together raised two daughters, Darlene and Glenda. They first made their home in the Lindsay and Chickasha area. For a few years he played minor league baseball for the Pauls Valley Raiders. Then in 1950's, they moved to Dibble and he began working for the Santa Fe Railroad. WC retired in 1985 as an Engineer for the railroad after 33 ½ years of dedicated service. Throughout his life, WC enjoyed quail hunting and fishing. After he retired he stayed busy raising a vegetable garden and woodworking. He especially enjoyed making children furniture. WC loved watching baseball and was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan. He will be greatly missed by his family and all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by: Parents, Daniel and Maggie Roath; Two brothers, Roy "Hoss" Roath and Carl "Buck" Roath; Three sisters, Claudine Trout, Bill Nabors, Myrtle "Turt" Walker; One great grandson, Chris Kilpatrick;

He is survived by: Wife of nearly 73 years, Lois Roath of the home in Purcell; Two daughters, Darlene Henry and husband Lloyd of Lindsay, Glenda Kilpatrick and husband Lee of Purcell; One sister, Mary Ann Muchmore of Chickasha; 5 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandsons;

Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday Sept. 23, 2015 at the Dibble Free Will Baptist Church in Dibble, Okla. Interment will be at the Dibble

Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements are with Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell. Send online condolences @wilsonlittle.com

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