

ALLEN D. TUCKER

ELKHART – Allen D. Tucker, 75, died Monday, May 25, 2009, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

He was born June 6, 1933, to Orrel and Gertrude (Odell) Tucker in Wilburton.

He married Katy Jo Hall June 30, 1956, in Beaver, Okla. She survives.

He attended grade school in Wilburton. He graduated from Elkhart High School in 1951 and attended Panhandle A&M until he graduated in 1955 with a bachelor degree in business administration with a minor in science.

After college, from 1956-1958, he served in the Army Signal Corps as instructor at Signal School in Fort Gordon, Ga.

He taught in Dalhart, Texas, and then Taloga Grade School for two years before moving to Elkhart in 1962 and teaching until 1981.

He served as a USD 218 board member for two years, was past chairman of the board of the Morton County Teacher's Association, Extension Council, Morton County Conservation District and United Methodist Church Board of Trustees. He also served as a Housing Authority Board member for eight years, a Farm Bureau board member for 10 years and Morton County commissioner for 11 years.

After retiring from teaching, he continued farming and ranching full-time in Morton County. He also enjoyed working on and fixing things, going to farm auctions, eating pie, spending time with family, visiting with old college and football friends, watching western movies and reading

western novels, exploring history, especially that of Morton County, and serving his community.

Other survivors include one son, Charley Tucker and wife, Carrie, Elkhart; two daughters, Tammy Mize and husband, Terry, Olathe, and Terri Adams and husband, Richard, Flower Mound, Texas; two brothers, Carl Tucker and wife, Frieda, and Bill Tucker and wife, Sue, both of Elkhart, and grandchildren, Matthew and Mitchell Mize, Olathe, Shae and Richie Adams, Flower Mound, Beth, Sadie, and Ross Mills, Jaclyn and Carley Jo and Zane Tucker, all of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Jim Tucker, one nephew and one niece.

o Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Morton County Civic Center in Elkhart with pastors Bruce Ferguson and Terrell Giddens presiding.

Burial will follow at the Elkhart Cemetery with military rites conducted by VFW Post No. 3162.

Friends may call until 8 p.m. today at Garnand Funeral Home in Elkhart with family present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to the Allen Tucker Athletic Scholarship Fund at Elkhart High School or the Elkhart United Methodist Church, both in care of Garnand Funeral Home, P.O. Box 854, Elkhart, KS 67950.