



## Boyd Harris

December 28, 1921 – March 20, 2013

Boyd Harris, 91, longtime Ogallala resident and former Keith County Sheriff, died Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at Indian Hills Manor.

Boyd was born December 28, 1921 in Arthur, the son of Frank Henry and Vera Ford (Jeffery) Harris. He grew up in the Lemoyne area and graduated from Ogallala High School in 1939.



He enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in February 1942 and served in the South Pacific. He landed three times-Samoas Island, Wallace Island and Guadacanal Island. He was wounded in Guam in July 1944 and received the Purple Heart Award for Military Merit when he held off an enemy attack. After his discharge in September 1945, Boyd returned to Ogallala.

On December 22, 1946 Boyd married Bonnie Jean Crowner at the Cozad Church of Christ. The couple resided in Ogallala.

Boyd served in Police Work and was the Keith County Sheriff from 1951 to 1955. He was the first sheriff in the new Sheriff's office. He won the Pistol Championship Shoot Out sponsored by the National Peace Officers Association in North Platte in 1954.

He joined his dad in the burial vault and monument company. Boyd retired in 1989 and sold the monument business.

His hobbies included gardening and golfing. As a "lefty" he scored his "third ace on No. 3 with a 7 iron" in November, 1994 at the Ogallala Country Club. Boyd was a 50-year plus member of the Ogallala Methodist Church. Other memberships included Elks Lodge #1760, Ogallala VFW #3755, and the West Wind Golf Club.

Preceding him in death were his parents, an infant twin son Larry, two sisters: Gertrude Cross and Edna Harris, two brothers: Jim Harris and "Blackie" Harris, and brother-in-law Walter Drake.

Survivors include his wife Bonnie Jean Harris of Ogallala, two sons Jerry Harris of North Platte, and Mike Harris and his wife Merry Glea of Lincoln, his sister Alberta Drake of Colorado Springs, Colo. and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family chose cremation. The Memorial Service will be Monday, March 25, at 10 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church. Rev. Chuck Rager will officiate. Inurnment is in the Ogallala Cemetery with military honors by the Keith County Veterans Organization.

Memorials have been established to the Perkins Co. Animal Shelter and the L 2 New Clothing for School Kids Project. Online Condolences may be sent to [webmaster@drauckerfh.com](mailto:webmaster@drauckerfh.com).

Draucker Funeral Home of Ogallala is in charge of arrangements.