

William A. Roll
October 4, 1921 - April 26, 2018
Resided in Paris, Illinois

William A. Roll, 96, of Paris, Illinois, formerly of rural Brocton, Illinois, passed away at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2018, at his residence. He was a lifelong grain and cattle farmer.

He was born October 4, 1921, in Brocton, the son of the late William A. Roll, Sr. and the late Ethel (Lea) Roll. He married Jacquelyn A. Clapp on March 27, 1944, in Brocton.

In addition to his wife of seventy-four years, he is survived by a son, James "J.R." Roll of Brocton; a sister, Dorothy Pembor of Brocton; three grandchildren, Jaime (Jim) Houlihan of Brocton, Ann Roll (Carl Stanaway) of Fullerton, California, and Marcus Roll (Erin Bristow) of Durham, North Carolina; and six great-grandchildren, Megan, Jack, and Andrew Houlihan, Autumn Roll-Stanaway, and Emilia and Frances Bristow Roll. He was preceded in death by his parents; his step-mother, Ethel Z. Roll; a daughter, Cheryl Roll; a daughter-in-law, Lee Roll; and three sisters, Hannah McHenry, Mary Jane Cole, and Marjorie Spoor.



Mr. Roll earned his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture in 1943 from the University of Illinois, where he had participated in Army ROTC and was a member of the Farmhouse Fraternity. Upon graduation, he went on to serve in the U.S. Army in the World War II European Theater. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Paris, and a former member of Brocton United Methodist Church for many years. He was also a member of American Legion Post #211, the Edgar County Farm Bureau, a former member of the Town & Country Square Dance Club, and a fifty-year member of the American Polled Hereford Association. He was especially proud of his long marriage, and he was deeply devoted to his family and his farm.

For those who wish, the family suggests that memorials be made to First United Methodist Church of Paris or to Carle Hospice.

SERVICE INFORMATION

Memorial services celebrating his life will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at First United Methodist Church in Paris. The Reverends David Jassman and Joseph Tomich officiated, and music was provided by Judy Kelly, organist, Rev. Gary Fairchild, soloist, and the Tinnitus Quartet. A military flag presentation was conducted by American Legion Post #211. Visitation was from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday at Templeton Funeral Home in Paris. Interment will be private in Embarrass Cemetery near Redmon at a later date.

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