

Brooks, William W.  
d. 7-14-1997

## Services held for William W. Brooks, 67

William Warren Brooks, 67, of Oto, formerly of Maxwell, died Monday, July 14, at Onawa.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 17, at the Oto United Church of Christ, with Pastor Karen Handke officiating. Maxine Richardson was the organist. Hymns were "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" and "Amazing Grace," which was sung by the congregation.

Casket bearers were Jason Dowie, Steve Reynolds, Wilbur McNear, Dave McGrain, Ryan Dowie, Bill Mead, Pete Collins, and Tom McDermott.

Burial was in the Nevada Municipal Cemetery in Nevada.

### Obituary

Bill Brooks was born Dec. 2, 1929 in Oto to Harry A. Brooks, Jr. and Sylvia (Fetterhoff) Brooks. He graduated from Oto High School in 1948, where he was active in athletics. He attended Wayne State Teachers College in Wayne, NE with a goal of becoming a coach. His college education was interrupted by military service in the Air Force, including several bases with one being in London, England. Af-

ter his honorable discharge, he returned to Wayne State and graduated in 1958 with a B.A. degree.

He coached in Oto from 1958-59, at Castana from 1959-61, and at Collins-Maxwell High School for 29 years. During this interim he taught almost all boys and girls high school sports and coached state award-winning girls' teams. Upon his retirement in 1991, he continued to live in Maxwell until 1994, when he returned to the family farm at Oto. He was a member of the Oto United Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his sister, Louise Brooks Swegle of Richmond, VA; a niece, Laurie Swegle of West Des Moines; a niece and her husband, Sheri and Steve Reynolds of Osceola; a nephew and his wife, Gary and Lee Swegle of Indian Head, MD; two great-nephews, Jason and Ryan Dowie of West Des Moines; and three great-nieces, Sarah and Katie Reynolds of Osceola and Erin Abner of Gaithersburg, MD.

Armstrong Funeral Service handled the arrangements.

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