

Cairns, Wm. "Bill" D. d. 12-16-2003

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**William 'Bill'
D. Cairns**

MAY 16, 1910-DEC. 16, 2003

William "Bill" D. Cairns, 93, of Ankeny, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at Bacon Funeral Home in Maxwell, with the Rev. Tom Lee officiating. Burial will be in Maxwell Cemetery.

Bill was born May 16, 1910, near Enterprise, the son of Charles Daniel and Ada May (Dodds) Cairns. He was a 1928 graduate of Ankeny High School. He married Leota Allen on Oct. 14, 1941, in Elkhart. He was a farmer. He was a member of the Farm Bureau and a former member of the Maxwell School Board. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards, dancing and sports, especially Minnesota Twins baseball.

He is survived by his wife, Leota of Ankeny; three sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Shirley Cairns of Maxwell, Steve and Debra Cairns of Ankeny and Dennis and Michelle Cairns of Maxwell; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Cecil in childhood and Robert; and three sisters, Agnes Cairns, Alice Coates and Ruth Gannon.

Visitation will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, at Bacon Funeral Home in Maxwell.

Memorials may be directed to the William D. Cairns Memorial Fund.

Bacon Funeral Home in Maxwell is in charge of arrangements.



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