



Russell Dean Aikins Sr.

November 24, 1922 - July 6, 2015

Russell Dean Aikins, age 92, passed away on Monday July 6, 2015 at Heritage Health Care in Chanute, KS. Dean was born on November 24, 1922 on the family farm five miles south of St. Paul, KS the son of Oliver E. Aikins and Anna Fay Beecher Aikins.

On June 28, 1939, Dean married Mildred Lorene Maxwell in Altoona, KS. In November of 1939, Dean and Mildred settled on their farm north of Erie.

When World War II broke out, Dean was drafted into the Army and was assigned to the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, New Mexico. At the end of the war, he returned home to farm for the next 40 years. In 1976, he received the Kansas Bankers Association Award for conservation farming.

In 1990, he and Mildred moved to Chanute where he began repairing bicycles. He became known affectionately as the “bicycle man” throughout the area.

Dean was preceded in death by parents, wife, Mildred, six brothers: Clarence, Forest, Carl, Harry, Roy and Ray Aikins, and a sister, Evelena Thompson, daughter, Alice Barnhart and three grandsons: Kenny Paillete, Joe Barnhart and Jim Ledbetter, son-in-law, Bob Paillete.

He is survived by two sons: Russell Dean Aikins, Jr. and wife Sandra of Plano, Texas and David Merle Aikins and wife Linda of Lawrence, KS, a daughter, Sharon Kay Paillete of Topeka, KS, son-in-law, Howard Barnhart, nine grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Countryside Funeral Home-Gibson Chapel on 16 N. Forest in Chanute. Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 8, 2015 from 6-8 p.m. at Countryside Funeral Home Gibson Chapel. Interment will be at Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute.

Family requests memorials to Cherry Street Youth Center and may be mailed to the funeral home at 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS.

Countryside Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. On-line condolences may be left at www.countrysidefh.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Gibson Chapel
16 N. Forest
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-2660
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Service

JUL 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Steve and I loved visiting with Uncle Dean. He liked to tease and enjoyed telling stories.
Prayers for the family,
Glenda Aikins

Glenda J. Aikins - July 08, 2015 at 04:39 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Uncle Dean. I loved him so much and have missed him! I always enjoyed cooking for Uncle Dean and him cooking for us from time to time (I still prepare his cornbread cooked in a pizza pan). My thoughts are with you Russell and David and your families. He is at peace now and home with Lorene.

Linda Aikins-Kingsley (ex-wife of Marvin)

Linda Aikins-Kingsley - July 08, 2015 at 10:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Russell Dean Aikins Sr..



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“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Russell Dean Aikins Sr..



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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Russell Dean Aikins Sr..



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