

Floyd Hofmann W9EX SK

NORMAL -- Floyd N. Hofmann, 90, of Normal passed away at 5:10 a.m. Friday (Jan. 30, 2009) at his family residence.

His funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington, with Pastor Ed Garvin officiating. Burial will be in East Lawn Memorial Gardens, Bloomington. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday at Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington.

Mr. Hofmann was born April 11, 1918, in Wichita, Kan., a son of Joseph M. Hofmann and Florence Huffington Hofmann. He married Alice M. Taylor on July 10, 1941. His loving wife of 66 years passed away on Jan. 14, 2008.

Surviving are sons, Robert M. (Linda) Hofmann, Florence, Ariz.; and Norman M. Hofmann, Athens; daughter, Mary A. Mohr, Normal; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

One brother, Harley M Hofmann; a son, Richard E. Hofmann; a grandson; and his parents preceded him in death.

He graduated from Normal Community High School in 1937 and attended Illinois Wesleyan University and Tri State Engineering College in Angola, Ind.

Mr. Hofmann was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Normal.

He retired from Caterpillar Tractor Co. in 1979 as an engineer in the manufacturing general office in Peoria after 38 years of service.

Mr. Hofmann was an amateur radio operator. His station, W9EX, and earlier, W9VPD, was Normal's oldest licensed radio station of any class and Normal's only TV transmitting station. He was a member of the Central Illinois Radio Club of Bloomington, the American Radio Relay League, life member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association and the Amateur Satellite Corp. His call sign, W9EX, will be retired in his honor.

The family wants to express its appreciation for the care and assistance Kathy, Pam, Sherry, Sandy and Kevin of OSF Hospice provided for our father. Thanks is also extended to a special family member, Bobbi Jo Taylor, for making our Dad's last days comfortable.