

Obituary - Cass County Democrat-Missourian, Harrisonville, Missouri, 25 May 1965

John A. Ross Dies at Age of 95 Years

John Albert Ross, who lived many years in the Sherman Township, in the southeast corner of Cass County, died May 13, 1965, in Kansas City, Mo., at the age of 95 years and 20 days.

His funeral, at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, was in Urich Baptist Church, the Revs. Robert E. Kearney and David Kerr being the officiants. Larry Graham sang two hymns, being accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ronnie Wehmeyer and at the organ by Larry Graham.

Casketbearers were William Branum, Everett Helms, Wayne Ross, Keith Morris, Kevin Morris and J. L. Morris. Honorary bearers were A. N. Albritten, Gene Chandler, Dale Crawford, Clifford Creighton, Upton Ewing, Leonard Gibson, Rolla Graef, and John Kreutzer. Burial was in Wadesburg Cemetery, north of Creighton, Mo.

Mr. Ross was a son of William J. Ross and Anna M. (Thomas) Ross, his birth, April 23, 1870 being in Pettis County, Mo. In the fall of 1870 the Ross family came to Cass County and settled in Sherman Township where they purchased 135 acres of land, 95 of which yet remain in the family home. He was the youngest of six children, they being Annie Elizabeth, James D., William R., Sarah Ida (Helms), Robert H., and John Albert Ross.

On Feb. 20, 1895, Mr. Ross and Otella Valeria Crotchett, daughter of William H. and Mary Jane Crotchett, were married. They were parents of four children - Virginia Adella, Roy Dennis, Naomi Elizabeth, and Oneta. Early in his married life Mr. Ross united with the Creighton Baptist Church, where he retained his membership until his death.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Virginia Oliver of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. Naomi E. Morris of Creighton, Mo.; four grandchildren, Colleen Branum, Farley, Mo.; J. L. Morris, Kevin Morris, and Keith Morris, all of Creighton; six great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

A loving tribute is expressed to Mr. Ross in these words: "He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and love of little children; who filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it; who never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has looked upon the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction."