

OBIT. - KAUFMAN, ROBERT
DEC. 17, 1918 - JUNE 15, 1998



ROBERT KAUFMAN

Robert Kaufman, 79, of Palmyra, died Monday, June 15, 1998, at the Fort Atkinson Memorial Health Center. He was born Dec. 17, 1918, to Ernest and Dolly (Bahr) Kaufman in Wauwatosa. He graduated from Prairie View School, North Prairie, in 1932, and from Waukesha High School in 1936. He married Ramona Finney on Aug. 16, 1939.

He served in the Army Field Artillery in World War II; and worked for the Pet Milk Company as a mechanic, truck driver and dairy salesman. He was co-founder of the Kaufman Agency (Insurance and Real Estate) with his brother, Kenneth in 1951. He was a charter member and past president of the Palmyra Kiwanis Club; past president of the Jefferson County Board of Realtors and named Realtor of the Year; served on the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Realtors Association; was secretary of the Sullivan Mutual Insurance Company which merged into the Helenville Mutual Insurance Company; and was currently president of the Helenville Mutual Insurance Company and serving on the Board of Directors. He also served on the Jefferson County Board and chaired several committees; and was a member of the Thomas Holcomb Post 304 of the American Legion and played in their drum and bugle corps.

Robert Kaufman is survived by a daughter, Barbara Sekula; his brother Kenneth (Carol) Kaufman; two granddaughters: Robin (Ron) Sdano, Whitewater, and Teri (Randy) Webber, Palmyra; four great-grandchildren: Geoffrey and Justin Sdano and Mary and Kelsey Webber; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bill and Joyce Becker; nieces and nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ramona; his parents; a brother, Warren; and a son-in-law, Fred Sekula.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, June 18, from 4-8 p.m. and Friday, June 19, from 10-11 a.m., all at the Palmyra United Methodist Church.