

Cammie Freda *Bowman* Kaag



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BIRTH 26 Dec 1896

Jefferson County, Indiana, USA

DEATH 1 Jun 1969 (aged 72)

BURIAL Floral Hill Cemetery

Lovejoy Township, Iroquois County, Illinois, USA

MEMORIAL ID 10007129

(Bio provided by Gregg Prillaman, husband of Freda's granddaughter Cynthia Sue (Kaag) Prillaman)



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Freda Bowman was born Dec. 26, 1896 (some sources say 1894) on a farm in Jefferson Co., Indiana, the 3rd child of James F. and Ida Mae (or May) (Robison) Bowman. Her parents were married in Jefferson Co. on Dec. 13, 1883 and had two children before Freda: a daughter Hattie L. born in 1885 and a son Benjamin James "Bennie" born in 1892. Her father died in 1897 at age 39, and about 1899 her mother married Willis Arbinus "Bine" Johnson. Ida Mae and Bine then had 3 children who were Freda's 1/2 siblings: a son Ullie Albinus Johnson in 1900, a daughter Nina Mae Johnson in 1902, and a son Arna Lee Johnson in 1906.



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In 1920 the family moved to Hoopeston, IL (Vermilion Co.) which was booming with jobs in farming and vegetable canning. Freda's beau, Russell Kaag, had moved from Jefferson Co. to Hoopeston in 1918 and convinced his family and Freda's to follow him.

Freda and Russell married Sept. 20, 1920 and lived the rest of their lives on farms between Hoopeston and Rossville. They had one son, James Russell "Jim" Kaag who was born Dec. 4, 1922. The family lived in a small farmhouse on Rte. 1 next next to Red Top School until 1931, then moved to a large victorian house on a farm on the west side of Rte. 1 down the "Boardman road". That farm was much larger (320 acres) and had a barn, stable, and corral to raise milk cows, beef cattle, hogs, and horses. Russell and Freda loved to ride horses and Jim began riding at the age of 3. He got his first pony at age 5 and rode horses all of his growing-up years. Jim married Brownie Virginia Lane in 1946 and they farmed near Freda and Russell. Their

daughters, Cindy and Jane, loved to go to Freda's and Russell's house to ride their pony and horses.

Freda died on June 1, 1969 at the age of 72. Russell continued farming (helping his son, Jim) until his death in 1982.

Obituary:

Mrs. Freda Kaag, RR 1, Hoopeston, died at 7 pm at Hoopeston Community Hospital where she had been a patient for one month. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 pm Tuesday at Wood Funeral Home, with the Rev. Paul Bingham, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 pm tonight at the funeral home.

Born in Jefferson County, Ind. on Dec. 26, 1896, she was the daughter of James and Ida Mae (Robison) Bowman. On Dec. 20, 1920 she was married to Russell Kaag. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Surviving are her husband, a son James Kaag, two granddaughters Cindy and Jane Kaag, one brother Arna Johnson of Mooresville, Ind. and a sister Mrs. Nina Reed of Hanover, Ind. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and a sister.

Services were conducted at 2 pm. Tuesday at Wood Funeral Home. Pall bearers were Morton Boardman, Harold Gernand, George Gernand, Jack Hathaway, Robert Lusk, and Forest Peters, Jr.

Family Members

Parents



James F Bowman
1858–1897



Ida May *Robison* Johnson
1861–1929

Spouse



William Russell Kaag
1900–1982 (m. 1920)

Siblings



Hattie Louise *Bowman* Righthouse
1885–1966



Benjamin James Bowman
1892–1954

Half Siblings