

William Russell “Russ” Kaag

BIRTH 25 Sep 1900

Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana, USA

DEATH 21 Jun 1982 (aged 81)

Hoopeston, Vermilion County, Illinois, USA

BURIAL Floral Hill Cemetery

Lovejoy Township, Iroquois County, Illinois, USA

MEMORIAL ID 10666589

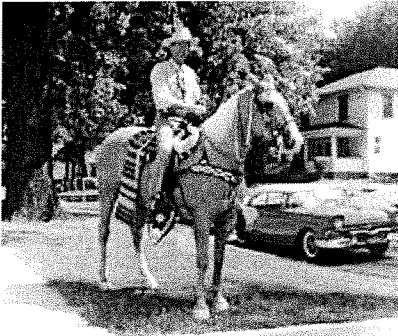


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Bio provided by K. Gregg Prillaman, husband of Russ' granddaughter Cynthia Sue (Kaag) Prillaman

William Russell "Russ" Kaag was born 9/25/1900 on a farm near the town of Madison in Jefferson Co., IN, the 2nd of 4 children of William Emanuel "Bill" and Grace (Jackson) Kaag. Russ' siblings were Florence Dell born 1899, Edith born 1903, Eudora "Cookie" born 1906 (died as a baby), and John Jacob born 1911. Russ grew up on his parents' farm near Madison and went to local schools through 8th grade. Then in 1918 he heard about good jobs farming and working in the vegetable canning factories in Illinois near the town of Hoopeston (Vermilion Co.) and moved there. A year later his parents and siblings followed him and they all settled in Hoopeston and nearby Rossville. Russ' girl friend from Madison, Cammie Freda Bowman, also moved to Hoopeston and they married Sept. 20, 1920.

Russ and Freda were farmers and lived most of their married life on a farm on the north side of 3800 N. Road about 1/2 mile east of Rte. 1 between Hoopeston and Rossville. In addition to corn, beans, wheat and other grains, they raised horses, milk cows, hogs, beef cattle, chickens, and other livestock. They had one child, James Russell "Jim" Kaag born Dec. 4, 1922. After serving in the Army during WWII, Jim married Brownie Virginia Lane in 1946 and they had two daughters Cynthia Sue (Kaag) Prillaman and Jane Ann (Kaag) Schaefer. Cindy and Jane each had two sons - Benjamin and Zachary Prillaman and Jeffrey and Peter Schaefer.

Russ and Freda loved riding horses with trail groups and in parades. Both were regular riders in the Hoopeston Sweet Corn Festival parade for many years. Freda died on June 1, 1969 at age 72 and was buried at Floral Hill

Cemetery in Hoopeston. Shortly after, Russ moved from the farm between Hoopeston and Rossville to a farm owned by his son, Jim, on Rte. 1 west of Wellington. He lived there and farmed with Jim until his health began to fail. He went into the Hoopeston Nursing home in March of 1981 and died there of heart disease and other ailments on June 21, 1982. He was buried next to Freda at Floral Hill in Hoopeston.

Following is the obituary published in the Hoopeston Chronicle newspaper June 23, 1982.

Russell Kaag, 81, formerly of R.R. 2 Hoopeston, died at 5:15 p.m. Monday June 21, 1982 at the Hoopeston Community Nursing Home where he had resided the past 15 months. He was born September 25, 1900 at Madison, Ind. the son of William and Grace Jackson Kaag. On September 22, 1920 at Danville, IL he was married to the former Freda Bowman who preceded him in death on June 1, 1969. Surviving is one son, James Kaag of Rural Route Hoopeston; two granddaughters Mrs. Cindy (Gregg) Prillaman of Annandale, VA and Mrs. Jane (Gary) Schaefer of Quincy, IL, and one sister Mrs. Florence Voyles of Hoopeston. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one brother and one sister. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. thursday June 24 at the Brown-Alkire Funeral home.

Family Members

Parents



William Emanuel Kaag
1875-1947



Grace *Jackson* Kaag
1878-1950

Spouse



Cammie Freda *Bowman* Kaag
1896-1969 (m. 1920)

Siblings



Florence Dell *Kaag* Johnson Voyles
1899-1986



Edith *Kaag* Evans Fawver
1903-1977



Eudora Cook Kaag
1906-1907