
MANFRED HISTORY AND PRESERVATION

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Sam and Myrtle Rogness



Myrtle and Sam Rogness

Husband's Full Name: Sam A. Rogness
Husband's Place of Birth: Pierce Co, ND
Husband's Father's Name: Andrew Jonson Rogness
Husband's Mother's Name: Liva Berg Rogness
Husband's Siblings' Names: John, Anna Hauge, Selmer, Anton, Elmer, Martin, Jacob, Lars, Lars
Wife's Full Name: Lilly Ruth Pepple Rogness
Wife's Place of Birth: Fessenden, ND
Wife's Father's Name: Gottlieb Pepple
Wife's Mother's Name: Katherine Pepple
Wife's Siblings' Names: Emil, Lena
Children's Names: Richard and Allan
2nd Wife's Name: Myrtle Mary Mortenson Rogness
Wife's Parents Name: Christ and Anna Smith Mortenson
Wife's Siblings' Names: Doris, Chester, Elsie, Clifford

Sam Rogness

A retired Manfred businessman died in a Fargo hospital on November 30, 1971. Sam Rogness was born in Pierce County. He was reared on a farm north of Manfred and later worked for a time in a garage in Fessenden. He married Lily Ruth Pepple in 1927. She died in 1944. Sam and Lily had two sons, Allan and Richard, both now deceased.

On July 15, 1948 he married Myrtle Mortenson in Harvey. For many years Mr. Rogness was the Standard Oil bulk distributor in Manfred. He was later a grain buyer at Manfred elevators until his retirement in 1963. He served on Vang Lutheran Church boards, township board and was a member of the Sons of Norway.

Myrtle Rogness--

Myrtle Mortenson Rogness taught the lower grades in Manfred for over 30 years. Following her retirement she moved to Harvey, living for a time independently in an apartment and later living with her twin sister Elsie Martenson. Myrtle passed away February 28, 2006 at the age of 94 years.

Sam Rogness bought the O.K. Melby estate in February 1942. He and Lily lived there together with their children Richard and Allan. Lily died in 1944 after being hospitalized for a short time.

On July 15, 1948 Sam and Myrtle were married. They continued to live in the house and raise Sam's sons Richard and Allan.

For many years Sam was the Standard Oil bulk distributor in Manfred. He was later a grain buyer at the Manfred elevators. He retired in 1963. He also served on the Vang Lutheran Church board; township board and they were members of the local Sons of Norway lodge. Myrtle was a member of the Ladies Aid, and taught both Sunday School and Bible School.

Their home is now the headquarters for Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.