



Albert Edward Toms, 98, formerly of Mingo, Iowa died in Mesa, AZ, on February 15, 2007. He was born November 4, 1908, on the family farm at Cairo, Iowa, to William Ellsworth and Ruth Galey (Gledhill) Toms. He graduated from Columbus Junction High School in 1928 and began his banking career on September 1, 1928, as a bookkeeper for the Columbus Junction State Bank.

Albert married Kathleen Virginia King on July 24, 1937, in Boone, Iowa. They lived in Columbus Junction until they moved to Mingo, Iowa on August 1, 1938. Albert assumed the duties of Cashier of Mingo Trust and Savings Bank on September 1, 1938, later serving as President and Chairman of the Board. He was also an independent insurance agent in the Mingo community.

Albert was active in the Iowa Bankers Association, becoming a fifty-year member in 1978. He helped organize the Mingo Commercial Club serving as its first president. He served as Mingo town treasurer and Mingo Community School treasurer until he retired on December 31, 1973.

Albert joined the Columbus City, Iowa Masonic Lodge #107 in 1936 and was a member of the Royal Arch Masons of Iowa, Corinthian Chapter No. 14 in Des Moines. He was a 50-year member of ZA-GA-ZIG Shrine of Des Moines and helped raise funds for Shriners Hospitals.

After retirement, Albert and Kathleen spent winters at Arizona Acres, Mesa, AZ. Kathleen died May 6, 1982. On November 3, 1988, Albert married F. Bernedene McIsaac in Fort Collins, CO, which became their home. They shared operation of her Sportsman's Lodge west of Fort Collins for two seasons before Al's second retirement, and spent winters in Arizona until his death.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Kathleen; brother, Harry Gledhill Toms; sister, Lucille Jeanette Howell; sister-in-law, Edith Wagg Toms; and brother-in-law, Willis Howell. He leaves his wife, Bernedene; his children: Virginia Gail Clark (Donald) of St. Cloud, MN; Stephen King Toms (Holly Rebstock) of Denver, CO; and three grandsons.

A memorial service will be held at a future time in Fort Collins, CO.