



## Clayton Benjamin Samson

March 1, 1920 - February 13, 2010

Clayton Benjamin Samson was born on March 1, 1920 in Valley, Nebraska to Delbert and Clarice (McDuffee) Samson. He attended Valley grade school and graduated from Valley High School in 1938. As a young boy, Claytie enjoyed hunting, fishing and all sports. He was a member of the 1938 State-qualifying Basketball team. Claytie was offered a scholarship to play basketball at Midland College in Fremont. He served his country in the United States Army during 1946 and 1947.

Claytie worked for the railroad for a short time before he went to work for Omaha Public Power District in 1942 and he worked for them until his retirement in 1983. Claytie's lifelong passion was sports. He participated, coached and mentored. He was involved in any way that he could be helpful. Claytie spent 18 years coaching American Legion Baseball, 3 years coaching elementary students in basketball and 4 years coaching town team baseball. He was the sponsor of the "Snuffy Samson" award given to a deserving high school athlete annually. In his later years, Claytie religiously followed many of the area schools and athletes. In his spare time, Claytie enjoyed the horse races and an occasional trip to the casino.

Claytie passed away on Saturday, February 13, 2010 in Grand Island, Nebraska at the age of 89 years, 11 months and 12 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Delbert and Clarice and brothers Earl (Snuffy), Duane

and Ernie. Claytie is survived by his son Kelly of Grand Island, NE and his daughter Jacqueline Stauffer of Uehling, NE; 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren;

# Tribute Wall



“ Clayton Benjamin Samson

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ Kelly,  
I was deeply saddened, to learn of your dad's passing.  
I will always remember him for his kind and generous ways with people.  
As you probably remember, Claty coached our summer baseball team, and also organized our youth basketball team.  
He unselfishly shared his time, to help the youth of Valley.  
Those times were very special for me, as a young boy.  
Sincerely,  
Jack Schiessler  
Plattsmouth, Ne

Jack Schiessler - February 16, 2010 at 04:12 AM



“ Kelly & Jackie  
My sympathy in the loss of your dad, he will be greatly missed. Your grandmother Clarice and my mother were sisters, we would visit the family often when we were young, we always had a lot of fun, your dad liked to tease me because I was the youngest cousin.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

LeAnna (Arp) Anderson - February 15, 2010 at 11:17 AM

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“ In honor of our wonderful, legendary, Uncle Claytie. Every Samson childhood memory will forever be of Uncle Claytie playing Santa Clause, funny gag gifts for all the little kids. We all knew that whether we were practicing for a game, or in a game, Uncle Claytie was right there always for moral support and #1 fan. We will miss his laugh, him driving his immaculate clean cars, his shiny shoes, perfect hair, and a good story about a great day at the track. His knack for story telling and a really good joke will be missed by all who was lucky enough to hear them. We love you; Uncle Claytie. Give our love to Grandma Betty, Grandpa Duane, Uncle Snuff, Uncle Rick, Uncle Ernie, Great Grandma Poochie, and Great Grandpa Delbert.

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**kelly and jacob fields** - February 14, 2010 at 01:50 PM

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“ To the family of Clayton Samson.....please accept our sympathy.....we are from Blue Hill, NE and friends of Connie (Samson) Lienemann.

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**Larry and Rosaleen Gianakos** - February 14, 2010 at 12:17 PM

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“ Kelly & Jackie,  
Thinking of you and your families during this difficult time. Claytie would call me time to time just to see how my family was doing and keep me updated on his family and the Samson clan. I feel bad I didnt know he was in Grand Island only 40 miles from Blue Hill. The Samson family are all together again....Grandma & Grandpa, Claytie,Duane,dad (Ernie) and Snuff....Claytie was indeed a "special" uncle and will be missed by all who knew him.

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**Duane & Connie (Samson) Lienemann** - February 14, 2010 at 11:54 AM