Jimmy Gilbert Vaughn Cunningham [Nov. 26, 1995] [BS 1933, MS 1937, Education]

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He was born Aug. 27, 1903 near Englevale to George and Elizah Hadley Cunningham. He attended rural school and graduated from Arma High School. He received his degrees from Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg.


He was a school teacher at Arma before serving as a teacher, coach and principal at Savonburg and Walnut. He was superintendent at Galesburg schools during the early 1940s and a safety inspector at KAAP. He worked at the Hutchinson Ammunition Plant until 1945. He then worked as a safety inspector at a sugar factory at Billings, Mont., before serving as superintendent at Reedpoint, Mont. He was principal at Galena High School before returning to Montana where he served as superintendent at Neihart and Lavina.

Mr. Cunningham was a member of Girard Masonic Lodge No.93; AF & AM Consistory at Fort Scott; Mirza Shrine at Pittsburg; Montana Retired Teachers Association; Fiddlers, Pickers and Singers Club of Mound Valley; National Rifle Association; AARP; and a life member of North American Club. He played the fiddle with "Slim Jim and His Hot Timers" on KOAM Radio for a number of years.

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Survivors include his wife of the home; a stepson, Forrest K. Pontious Jr. of Argonia; a step-daughter, Rita Joan Cole of Woodbridge, Va.; an aunt; eight step-grandchildren; 18 step-great-grandchildren; four step-great-great-grandchildren; and nephews, nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Roy, Claud, Dallas, Dewey and Byrdie Cunningham; and two sisters, Ruth McClaskey and Cloney Gilbert.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at the Smith-Carson-Wall Funeral Home at Girard, with the Rev. Lucille Barn officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Lawn Cemetery at Parsons. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home, where friends may also call after 3 p.m. today. Masonic services will be given by the Girard Lodge No.93 today at 8 p.m.
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