

As a resident of Sangamon County for the 90 years of his life, Robert Bomke, has operated the farm that has been in the family for over 100 years.

On the farm where he was born (in rural Pleasant Plains), he remains active in the production of grain and follows conservation practices. Also 50 head of cattle with calves and 10 brood sows were raised.

He worked The Lorraine Watts Sealock 106 acre farm for over 30 years as both a renter and home place.

Robert attends Grace Lutheran Church in Springfield, Illinois and once served on the Gardner Township (Farmington) Cemetery Board.

Robert and his wife, Virginia, are parents of two children: Arthur A. Bomke and Ann C. Williams Charland. In addition, there are three grandchildren: Aaron Michael Bomke and Christine Ann and Bret Thomas Williams.

As a good swimmer, he rescued victims from nearly drowning, and assisted other near victims in local places.

1998 Recipient Robert H. Bomke Pleasant Plains, Illinois