

## **Dr. Alvin Eugene Blair, DVM, 76**

**Jan. 26, 1921 - Oct. 19, 1997**

**IRWIN** - Alvin Eugene Blair, also known as Gene or Doc, son of A.H. and Pearl (McConnell) Blair, was born Jan. 26, 1921, in Irwin. He was baptized at the Christian Church in Irwin and was a graduate of the Irwin High School. After high school, he attended Iowa State University where he earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree with honors. He joined the U.S. Army and served his country during World War II until his Honorable Discharge in 1947, when he then returned to Irwin to practice veterinary medicine with his father.

June 10, 1945, he married Regina Brinklow in Goshen, IN. This marriage was blessed with four daughters. After the death of his father in 1968, he continued his career as a veterinarian in the Irwin area until 1990 when he retired. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Irwin. He died Oct. 19, 1997, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 76 years, eight months and 26 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert. He is survived by his wife, Regina Blair of Irwin; his daughters, Ellen Doll of Osage; Catharine (James) Kramer of Corcoran, MN; Susan (Wendele) Maysent of Ames; Allison (Mark) Moon of Yankton, SD; ten grandchildren; his sister, Marge (Robert) Langbehn of Des Moines; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 22, 1997, at the Irwin United Methodist Church with Pastor Joseph P. Boysen officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Virgil L. Crouch, Normal Richards and Howard Mickelson. Casket bearers were Mark Moon, Wendele Maysent, Bob Blair, Douglas Langbehn, James Kramer and Robert Langbehn. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.