

## Otto Carl Buthmann, 94

*Dec. 20, 1904 - Oct. 7, 1999*

**IRWIN** - Otto Carl Buthmann, son of Henry J.W. and Helene (Jessen) Buthmann, was born Dec. 20, 1904, on a farm near Irwin. He attended school at Irwin and worked as a farm laborer until starting his trucking business.

Dec. 14, 1933, he married Viola Mae Joachimsen at the Methodist parsonage in Harlan. They became the parents of two children, Marilyn and Merlin. The couple made their home in the Irwin area until 1937, at which time they moved to California and Otto worked at Permante Metal Corporation. They spent seven years in California before returning to Iowa where they farmed in Shelby and Audubon Counties. Otto and Viola retired in 1966, and made their home in Irwin. At the age of 68 Otto became an employee of Western Engineering for seven years, and then retired again. He died Oct. 7, 1999, at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines at age 94 years, nine months and 18 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his three brothers, William, Lewis and Henry; his three sisters, Katie Zeller, Jessie Meyers and Alma Juhl; two grandsons, Gerald Corbitt and Gary Dean Buthmann. Survivors include his wife, Viola Buthmann, who is presently residing in Prairie City; his daughter, Marilyn Corbitt of Des Moines; his son, Merlin Buthmann (Marlene) of Harlan; five grandchildren, Robert Corbitt (Linda); George Buthmann (Robin); Angelia (Lloyd) Robbins; Marla Rimington and friend, John Hassell, Jr. and Marcia Buthmann; six great grandchildren, Laura Corbitt, Thomas Corbitt, Kayla Buthmann, Devin Rimington, Allyssa Buthmann and Wesley Buthmann and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 11, 1999, at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Robert Kersten of the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church in Stewart, and Ted Sieck of the Church of Christ of Irwin, officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin.

