

Jack Gaskill, 86

Nov. 10, 1921 - Nov. 19, 2007

IRWIN - Jack was born on a farm east of Hamlin in Audubon County Nov. 10, 1921, to Oscar and Margaret (Anderson) Gaskill. He attended school at country school near Hamlin and later in Gray.

Jack met his wife, Opal Richards, in Irwin. They were later married in Springfield, NE Feb. 27, 1943. Three children were born to this union: Lynn, Judy, and Kathy. After their wedding, the couple moved to a farm east of Irwin and eventually moved to the Gaskill home farm, which is a Century Farm today. Their grandson Greg Gaskill now resides on the family farm. After retiring in 1983 from the farm, Jack and Opal moved to their home in Irwin where he did woodworking. He became a resident of the Manilla Manor May 4, 2005. It was there that he died Nov. 19, 2007, at age 86 years and nine days.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Opal, of Irwin; his children, Lynn (Myrna) Gaskill of Manilla; Judy Fenster of Kansas City, MO; and Kathy (Jerry) Luetje of Ankeny; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one brother, Bob Gaskill (Kay) of Iowa City; and one sister-in-law, June (Walter) Murray of Irwin.

Funeral services were held Nov. 21, 2007, at the Church of Christ in Irwin, with Rev. Ted Sieck officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin, with Lyle Shepard, Ronnie Gaskill, Clinton Kienast, and Kent Richards honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Shane Gaskill, Greg Gaskill, Chris Fenster, Jarad Gaskill, Corey Gaskill, and Chad Gaskill. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

