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Gerald J. Jauron, 82

April 12, 1912 - Feb. 12, 1995

Earling - Gerald "Jerry" Jauron, son of C.J. and Bertha Jauron was born April 12, 1912 on a farm near Salix. He grew up in the Salix area, attended St. Joseph's Grade School and graduated from St. Joseph's High School in 1930.

June 10, 1936, he married Pearle Crittenden at Sioux City. To this union eight children were born. After their marriage, they lived in the Salix area until 1946 when he began working for the Iowa State Conservation Commission. For twenty-five years, he worked as a game warden in Shelby and Harrison Counties and then became Coordinator for the Commission's Water Section, concentrating on water enforcement, safety and improving recreation opportunities. He continued this work until his retirement in 1978. During the late 1950's and early 1960's, he helped set up three refuges along the river for migrating waterfowl: California Bend Refuge near Modale; Louisville Bend refuge near Onawa; and Snyder's Bend Refuge near Salix. Only Snyder's Bend Refuge remains. He was called upon for part-time consultation in his lifetime fight to protect the state's property along the Missouri River. He earned commendations from two Iowa Governors. Through the Iowa Attorney General's Office, he helped acquire thousands of acres of Missouri River bottomland along both sides of the Missouri River for the State of Iowa during the 1950's and 1960's. He was instrumental in gaining support for the DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge by planning and developing the Wilson Island Recreation area and organizing the once famous world goose calling championship in Missouri Valley.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling where he was also an usher for many years. In 1989 he was elected to both mayor's post and a City Council seat. He chose to serve as mayor. He died Feb. 12, 1995 at Mercy Hospital in Co. Bluffs at age 82 years and 10 months.

Surviving is his wife Pearle of Earling; his six sons, David (Dorina) Jauron of Essex, Tom (Madelyn) Jauron of Phoenix, AZ, Jim (Jolene) Jauron of Indianola, Steve (Judy) Jauron of Sergeant Bluff, Vincent (Debra) Jauron of Harlan, and Richard Jauron of Ames; two daughters Julie (Ron) Mortensen of Omaha, NE and Joan (Tim) Blum of Co. Bluffs; 21 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, two brothers, Delbert and Raymond both of Sioux City; three sisters, Sr. M. Audrey Jauron OSM of Omaha, Delia Beacom of Sioux City and Theresa Bertrand of Mexico, MO and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 14, 1995 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling with Rev. Chuck Kottas celebrant. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery in Earling with Mark Jauron, David Mortensen, Brad Jauron, Douglas Jauron, Dan Blum and Jerry Jauron casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.