

LaVerne Lowell Juhl, 77

Feb. 14, 1923 - Jan. 1, 2001

IRWIN - LaVerne Lowell Juhl, the son of John Christian and Lillie Serena (Paulson) Juhl, was born Feb. 14, 1923, in rural Irwin. He attended rural elementary schools, and graduated from Irwin High School in 1940. Following graduation, he helped his father on the family farm.

Nov. 4, 1944, he married Lillian Elaine Zaiger at the Church of Christ in Atchison, KS. With the exception of 3 1/2 years, when LaVerne worked for Armstrong Tire Company in Des Moines, the couple farmed in Shelby County and Audubon County. For 13 years, after LaVerne became disabled in 1978, he and Lillian spent winters in Mesa, AZ. He was a member of the Irwin Church of Christ. He was a past 4-H leader of the Jefferson Hawks, now known as the Northeast Sodbusters. He died Jan. 1, 2001, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 77 years, 10 months and 18 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Wayne Juhl; and three brothers-in-law, Robert Holloway, Ralph Zaiger and John L. Zaiger. Survivors include his wife, Lillian Juhl of Irwin; four sons, Lowell (Wanda) Juhl of Denver, CO; Merle (Cynda) Juhl of Kent, WA; Roger Juhl of Lititz, PA and Bruce Juhl of Denver, CO; one daughter, Myrna (Richard) Schwarte of Irwin; one brother, Virgil (Marla) Juhl of Elk Horn; two sisters, Dorothy (Jr.) Holloway and Marcia Holloway, both of Harlan; one brother-in-law, LeRoy (Sandra) Jessen of Waukee; ten grandchildren, David Juhl of Oak Harbor, WA; Jeffry Juhl of Denver, CO; Anne Schwarte of Council Bluffs; Jeanine Wilken of Des Moines; Vernon (Tina) Schwarte of Elk Horn; Rick Schwarte of North Pole, AK; Rodney (Krystal) Doyle; Rick Doyle; Richard (Barbra) Doyle and Arlene Doyle, all of Denver, CO; 17 great grandchildren; three great great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 5, 2001, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Pastor Ted Sieck of the Irwin Church of Christ officiating. Honorary casket bearers were David Juhl, Jeffry Juhl, Anne Schwarte, Jeanine Wilken, Vernon Schwarte, Rick Schwarte, Rodney Doyle, Rick Doyle, Richard Doyle and Arlene Doyle. Casket bearers were Tim Holloway, Kevin Holloway, Lynn Meiake, Steve Jessen, Dennis Juhl and Leon Zaiger. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.