

Frank B. Birks, 68

Irwin — Frank B. Birks, son of Charles and Eva (Tupper) Birks, was born Jan. 15, 1911, at Woodbine. He attended school and grew to adulthood in Harrison county. As a young man he moved with his family to the Irwin area. On Feb. 27, 1932, he married Eva Buthman at Omaha, Nebr. Four children were born to this union.

After their marriage, they farmed in the Irwin and Manilla vicinities until 1960, when they moved into Irwin. Even though Frank retired from the farm, he continued to work first for Steenhusen Implement and then for Farm Service Coop. He retired in 1976 but continued an active part in his church and community. He was currently serving as Mayor of Irwin and a member of the Irwin Volunteer Fire Department. He was a past member of the Manilla School Board.

Frank was baptized in the Logan Christian Church and has been a member of the Church of Christ in Irwin since moving to the area. He has served in the capacity of Elder, and Deacon and as Sunday school teacher for over 20 years. Mr Birks died at the Crawford County hospital in Denison, on April 27, 1979, at age 68 years, 3 months and 12 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers - William, LeVern and Charles; and by one sister, Ruby (Mrs Frank Sears). His survivors include his wife, Eva of Irwin; two sons - Allen of Manilla, and Randy of Irwin; two daughters - Reva (Mrs Darwin Haskins) of Manning, and Peggy (Mrs Roger Ahrenholtz) of Manilla; ten grandchildren; four brothers - Coy and Theodore, both of Logan; Ivan of Manilla and Arthur of Cranston, R.I., a sister, Opal Mouer of Portland, Oreg.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Church of Christ in Irwin, on Monday, April 30, 1979, with Marty Burgus officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery in Irwin, with Donald Ferry, Wilbur Wetzel, Normal Richards, Gaylord Heilesen, Carroll Kallevig and George Steenhusen serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of the services.
