

# **Ancel Crouch, 67**

**Irwin —** Ancel Ewing Crouch, son of Frank and Nettie French Crouch, was born Nov. 18, 1912, in Jefferson Twp., Shelby county. He died Sunday, July 20, 1980, at Crawford County Memorial hospital in Denison at age 67 years, 8 months and 2 days. As a youth he attended the rural and Irwin schools.

On Dec. 22, 1933, he married Bernice Grau. In 1936 they moved to Calif., where Ancel was employed at the James Mills Orchard, Hamilton City, Calif. On Dec. 30, 1942, he was inducted into the service and discharged on Feb. 25, 1946. He was a meat and dairy inspector attached to the Medical Corps with the 314 Bomb Wing, stationed on Guam, supporting the B 29's with the 31st Air Service Group.

He returned to Iowa in 1952 and was in business in Irwin with his brother, Harold for four years. Ancel then farmed for 21 years. He is a member of the United Methodist church at Irwin, chairman of the trustees for 11 years and received the membership pin. He served on the town council, was a member of Austin Earl Hiatt American Legion Post No. 614, Irwin, and served as past Post and County Commander. He was the service officer at the present time. He was a member of the V.F.W. Post No. 3517 in Manning. He served ten years as Jefferson Twp. committee man.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Maudie and a brother, Ivyl. Survivors include his wife, Bernice, by a sister, Mabel Weems of Manning, by three brothers, Ora of Afton, and Harold and Virgil of Irwin, by a sister-in-law, Ethel Crouch of Primghar, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 23, 1980 at the United Methodist church in Irwin with Rev. Leon Wallace, officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery. Members of Austin Earl Hiatt American Legion Post No. 641 of Irwin conducted the military honors.

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