

# Lester Crouse, 78

Elk Horn — Lester Crouse, son of Kathrine Smith and George Crouse was born March 4, 1902 on a farm near Hawarden, Sioux county. He died Thursday, Oct. 2, 1980 at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn at age 78 years, 6 months and 28 days. He attended school in the Sioux county schools, graduated from the Treton high school in 1919 and then graduated from the Mankato Business School in 1920. He and his parents moved to Paullina, here Lester farmed for over 43 years. Lester operated a dairy for many years.

He was instrumental in starting the Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. to O'Brien county. He has been a Farm Bureau member since 1924, serving the county organization in several capacities. He served on the O'Brien County Fair Organization for over ten years and served his local church in many ways. In 1927 he married Agnes Goodmanson. She died in 1966. In 1968 he married Elna Nielsen and moved to Elk Horn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife - Agnes. Survivors include his wife - Elna of Elk Horn; one son - Howard of Paullina, two sisters - Mrs Alma Brown of Nebraska City, Neb.; Mrs Ara Bonnevillie of Zeeland, MI.; one brother - Harry of Brownsville, TX.; three grandchildren, two sep daughters - Mrs Helen Blunk of Atlantic and Mrs Fern Knudsen of Harlan; 8 step grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 4, 1980 at the Elk Horn Lutheran church with Pastor Eugene Soland, officiating. Casketbearers were Emmert Steen, Chris Iversen, Ludvig Larsen, Hans C. Andersen, Clarence Hansen, Vernon Mardesen, LaVerne C. Smith and Chris L. Christensen. Burial was Oct. 5, 1980 at the Prairie View cemetery in Paullina with Pastor Carl Soderberg, officiating.

Services were conducted by the Burmeister Funeral Home, Harlan.