

Ed E. French, 91

Irwin — Eddie Ewing French, son of William and Barbara Wooster French, was born in Spring Creek, Coffee county, Kans., on Aug. 23, 1886. At the age of eight years he moved with his parents to Irwin. He married Ethel Mae Alwill on Nov. 28, 1912. They farmed near Irwin where his wife died on March 24, 1957. Ed continued to make his home on the farm until moving into Irwin in 1962. Due to failing health he entered the Manning Plaza in Sept. of 1977 where he died Saturday, May 27, 1978 at age 91 years, 9 months and 4 days.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents and three sisters and two brothers. Survivors include two children - Mrs Leland (Florence) Larsen and Howard French both of Irwin, six grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 30, 1978 at the United Methodist church in Irwin with Rev Elmer Brunk, officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery in Irwin with Virgil Crouch, Chas Wooster, Jr., Earl Knudson, Allyn Erb, Wayne Alwill and Steve Gawley serving as casketbearers.

Ohde Funeral Home in Manning was in charge of arrangements.

Bethany Lutheran church, Kimballton, with Pastor Harry Thomsen, officiating. Burial was in Bethany Lutheran cemetery in Kimballton with Donald Christensen, Robert Atkinson, Jerald Knudsen, Wayne Anderson, Bruce Anderson, Dale Gorsh serving as casketbearers.
