

Earl L. Armentrout, 68

IRWIN — Earl Lee Armentrout, son of Cassie and Lillian (Silverwood) Armentrout, was born Nov. 21, 1918 on a farm near Botna. He died at the Bishop Clarkson Memorial hospital in Omaha on July 29, 1987 at age 68 years, 8 months and 8 days.

As a young boy, he moved with his family to a farm near Kirkman. While living on this farm, he attended elementary school in Kirkman. Later he again moved with his family to a farm near Irwin. He then attended high school in Irwin and graduated with the class of 1938.

He then helped on the family farm until he was inducted into the U.S. Army on April 29, 1942. He served his country during WWII as a Tech 5 in Company "B" of the 181st Engineer Battalion in the European Theater. After his Honorable Discharge on Nov. 30, 1945, he returned to Irwin where he and his brother Alvin started farming together in partnership. He continued to farm with his brother until he retired in 1984 and moved into Irwin. This has been his home since that time.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his sister, Mae (Mrs Joe) Pries of Irwin; brother, Alvin (Buck) Armentrout of Kirkman; three nieces, Charlene (Mrs Wm. B.) Gehring of Denison; Dianne (Mrs Tom) Gaer and LuAnne (Mrs Hal) Youngkin both of Irwin and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 1, 1987 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Walt Bernard of the Irwin United Methodist church, officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery, Irwin with Ray Conrad, Harry Wetzel, John Villegas, Melvin Fiscus, Eugene Monson and Robert Steckelberg serving as casket bearers. Frank West, Wayne Fiscus, Virgil Crouch, Harold Crouch and Warren Hansen served as honorary casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.