

## Lester Brehmer, 90

*Oct. 5, 1913 - Feb. 10, 2004*

**WALNUT** – Lester Brehmer, son of Frank and Caroline "Lena" Johanna Pieken Brehmer, was born Oct. 5, 1913, in Cass County, on a farm near Atlantic. He grew to adulthood on the family farm with his three brothers, Ralph, Max and Donald. Les attended country school at Washington No. 2, which was also known as Grant No. 2 or Grulke School. He worked on the family farm and when farm work was slow, he helped with construction building highways.

Sept. 3, 1939, Les married Violet Hansen in the Walnut Peace Church. Two sons were born to this union, Delbert and Gerald. After their marriage, they rented a farm near Walnut. In 1951, Les and Violet purchased a farm in Lincoln Township and in the late 1960's, they purchased a farm in Monroe Township. In 1972, Les and Violet retired to town in Walnut and continued to manage the farms from town. Lester was a 4-H leader for the Brighton Bobcats while his sons were growing up and he was very active in the church being a council member and president of council for Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut. He died Feb. 10, 2004, at the Atlantic Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Atlantic, at age 90 years, four months and five days.

In addition to his parents, Les was preceded in death by his brothers, Ralph, Max and Donald, and a son, Gerald, in 1964. Survivors include his wife, Violet of Walnut; his son, Delbert Brehmer (Judy) of Council Bluffs; two grandchildren, Jay Brehmer (Carol) of Overland Park, KS; Jeff Brehmer (Suzi) of Carter Lake; five great grandchildren, Jordan and Justin Brehmer; Jordan Shaw; Bailey Shaw; and Grant Brehmer; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 13, 2004, at the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut, with Pastor Orris Drake officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Richard Behrend, Jeffrey Brehmer, Larry Kay, Mel Gross, Jay Brehmer and David Scribner. Pauley Jones Funeral Home Walnut Chapel in charge of arrangements.