

Ralph J. Campbell, 88

March 9, 1910 - March 19, 1998 ✓

IRWIN - Ralph James Campbell, son of James Arthur and Edith Pearl (Woods) Campbell, was born March 9, 1910, at Defiance. He was baptized and confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Irwin. He attended country school and grew to adulthood in the Defiance and Irwin area.

Jan. 20, 1932, he married Irene Wilhelmina Frank at his parents' home west of Irwin. To this union five children were born. They farmed in the Irwin area and in 1942 he purchased his first corn sheller and did custom corn shelling until 1996. He started farming in 1932 and planted his last hill of corn in 1997. Ralph was a member of the Irwin United Methodist Church in Irwin. He died March 19, 1998, at age 88 years, 10 days at Myrtue Memorial Hospital.

In addition to his parents, Ralph was preceded in death by his infant son, Donald; his brothers, Maurice Campbell (Mae) and Howard Campbell. Survivors include his wife, Irene of Irwin; his children, Norman (Donna) Campbell of Irwin; Vernon (Nora) Campbell of Irwin; Lois (Darrell) Johnson of Bella Vista, AR and Lyle (Gloria) Campbell of Irwin; his sister, Arlene Campbell of Defiance, and his brother, Floyd Campbell of Defiance; 14 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 23, 1998, at the United Methodist Church in Irwin, with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin, with Ron Johnson, Brian Johnson, Terry Campbell and Bradley Campbell honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Bill Larson, Dennis Kasperbauer, Jeff Keech, Robert Wiig, Robert McLaughlin, Jim Buman, Richard Wiig, Brad Nobiling and Troy Kaney. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

