

Milo Clark, 100

Aug. 2, 1903 - Nov. 7, 2003

MANNING – Milo Branson, son of Joseph Lane and Ethel Iowa (Shannon) Clark, was born Aug. 2, 1903, near Irwin in Jefferson Township, Shelby County. He attended a one room country school and graduated from Irwin High School in May of 1922. He continued his education first at Iowa State College in Ames and second at Peru State College in Peru, NE, where he was awarded a teaching certificate in 1924. While at Peru State, Milo met his future wife, Helen. He then taught school for one year at Butterfield, MN. Following their father's unexpected death in the spring of 1925, Milo and his brother, Homer, farmed the family farm for two years. In 1928, Milo began to farm on his own about two miles west of Irwin.

July 1, 1928, Milo married Helen Elizabeth Lichty at Peru, NE. Three children were born to this union. Milo and Helen made their home on Milo's farm until 1934 when they moved to a farm north of Manilla. In 1942, they purchased a farm west of Botna in Jefferson Township and moved there in 1943. Milo was baptized and joined the Presbyterian Church in Manilla. He was an active member, serving as a trustee and elder. When he and Helen moved to Manning in January of 1989, they transferred to the First Presbyterian Church in Manning. Helen died Dec. 20, 1992. Due to declining health in February of 2003, Milo became a resident of the Manilla Manor Nursing Home where he died Nov. 7, 2003, at age 100 years, three months and five days.

Besides his wife and parents, Milo was preceded in death by a son and a daughter in infancy; three sisters, Edna Havick, Alice Lister and Ermyl Whitney; and a brother, Homer Clark. He is survived by his children, Richard M. (Dick) Clark (Lavonne) of Manilla; Sue (Jon) Duvall of Fort Dodge; Lynn Clark (Laveda) of Calhoun, LA; six grandsons; two granddaughters; six great grandsons; six great granddaughters; one great great granddaughter; nieces, nephews and other relatives.