

Harold Crouch, 98 ✓

May 10, 1906 - March 31, 2005

IRWIN — Harold William Crouch, son of Frank L. and Nettie E. (French) Crouch, was born May 10, 1906, in rural Irwin. He attended country and Irwin schools. Shortly after he began driving, he bought his first truck and did trucking in the Irwin area. Harold teamed up with his brother, Virgil, who was also a trucker, and formed Crouch Brothers Trucking. Together they bought the grain elevator in Kirkman, and moved it to Irwin. When their partnership ended, Harold continued at the elevator as owner and operator for 30 years, retiring in 1973.



Jan. 27, 1930, in Harlan, Harold married Lucille I. Carter. Three children were born to this union.

Oct. 11, 1959, at the Lutheran Church in Charter Oak Harold married Clara H. Weems. He and Clara made their home in Irwin. Harold was a member of the Irwin United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Irwin School Board when his daughters were in school. He helped plan and develop the Rosman Glendale Golf Course. Harold died March 31, 2005, at the Manilla Manor at age 98 years, 10 months, and 21 days.

Preceding Harold in death were his parents; his former wife, Lucille Crouch; one son, Harold Crouch, Jr.; two sisters, Mabel Weems and Maude Crouch; three brothers, Ora Crouch, Ivyl Crouch, and Ancel Crouch; one son-in-law, John VonTersch; and one great-granddaughter, Angie Fite. Survivors include his wife, Clara Crouch of Manilla; two daughters, Georgene VonTersch of Lakewood, CO, and Meredith (Don) Armentrout of Harlan; one brother, Virgil (Mildred) Crouch of Irwin; one sister-in-law, Bernice Crouch of Irwin; four grandchildren, Rod VonTersch, Shari Parker, Dana Armentrout, and Drew Armentrout; five great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 4, 2005, at the Irwin United Methodist Church with Rev. Keith Pals and Pastor Ted Sieck officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Virgil Crouch and Alvin "Buck" Armentrout. Casket bearers were Rod VonTersch, Randy Parker, Don Armentrout, Zachary Parker, Dana Armentrout, and Drew Armentrout. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.