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Wayne Darling, 83 ✓

Nov. 21, 1919 - June 30, 2003

IRWIN – Wayne Thomas Darling, son of Thomas Benjamin and Stella Eda Ione McGee Darling, was born Nov. 21, 1919, on a farm near Irwin. He attended school at Irwin and was a member of the graduating class of 1937.

June 7, 1942, Wayne married Mary Ramey in Council Bluffs. Three children were born to this union, Paula, Jeff and Connie. After their marriage, they farmed at his family's farm near Irwin, where they raised seed corn and fed cattle. Wayne was an ASCS Township Committeeman, a board member of the Shelby County Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company for 36 years, and a member of the Irwin School Board for many years. During his term on the school board, kindergarten was implemented, the FFA program was started, and the "new" school was built. Wayne died June 30, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, seven months and nine days.

In addition to his parents, He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, Dec. 25, 2002, and a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Robert Seipel. Survivors include his children, Paula (Clifford) Behrendt of Harlan and Jeff Darling (Lora) of Kirkman; five grandchildren; one great grandchild; his sisters, Edith McKinney of Manilla and Dorothy McMahan of Manilla; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 3, 2003, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev, Keith Pals officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin, with Ross Darling, Carl Dugan, Sherry Dugan, Tom McMahan, Steve Seipel and Lynn McMahan casket bearers.

