

John "Curly" Doyel, 85

April 12, 1919 - April 12, 2004

MANNING – John Leslie "Curly", son of George Thomas II and Martha Jane (Parker) Doyel, was born April 12, 1919, on the family farm near Dixon in St. Mary's County, MO. He moved with his family near Botna, when he was three years old. He attended rural school and then worked on the family farm for a number of years.

Nov. 27, 1940, Curly married Mildred Elaine Erb at Carroll. Three sons were born to this union. In 1944, they started farming on their own in Audubon County, continuing there for 34 years. In 1979, they retired and moved into Manning and in 1994, to simplify their life moved to Elm Crest Apartments. Mildred died July 9, 1999. The next year Curly entered the Manning Plaza Nursing Home. He was a member of the United Methodist Church where he served as chair of the trustees. He served on the board of the Farmers Home Administration in Audubon County for three years. He died on his 85th birthday, April 12, 2004, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, following a period of declining health.

Preceding him in death are his wife; parents; and brother, Elmer Doyel. Curly is survived by his three sons, Kenneth Doyel (Aleida) of Pocatello, ID; Terry Doyel (Linda) of Lexington, SC; and John Doyel, Jr. (Pat) of Kellogg; nine grandchildren, Leidy, Keenan and Michelle Doyel of Pocatello, ID; Kevin Doyel (Becki) of Louisville, KY; Wendy (Dave) Heilesen of Social Circle, GA; Sean Doyel (Stacey) of Lexington, SC; Matt Doyel of Sioux City; Ryan Doyel (Bobby) of Manning; and Heath Doyel of Manning; 13 great grandchildren; brother, George Doyel (Barbara) of Manning; three sisters, Mildred (Virgil) Crouch of Irwin; Thelma (Wade "Bud") Mohr of Manning; and Hazel Meggers of Council Bluffs; sister-in-law, Leona Doyel of Newell; and brother-in-law, Allyn Erb (Leona) of Irwin; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 16, 2004, at the United Methodist Church in Manning, with Rev. Erik Corley officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Leidy Doyel, Michelle Doyel, Sean Doyel, Keenan Doyel, Wendy Heilesen and Heath Doyel. Casket bearers were Kevin Doyel, Matt Doyel, Dennis Erb, Ryan Doyel, Dave Heilesen and Merlin Heilesen. Ohide Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.