

Hurshel Earles, 91

Aug. 13, 1915 - Nov. 24, 2006

OSAGE — Hurshel L. Earles was born Aug. 13, 1915, in Corwith, son of John L. and Amizon (Dunfee) Earles. He farmed near Crystal Lake, Lime Springs, and Osage. He moved to Osage in 1966 and worked at Osage Cemetery, Farmer's Produce, and was custodian at the Home Trust and Savings Bank before retiring. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Osage and the Osage Senior Center. He delivered Meals on Wheels until he turned 90. He earned recognition from the Iowa State governor for his volunteer services. He died Nov. 24, 2006, at MCRHC-Hospice Unit in Osage, at age 91.

Hershel was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ruth in 2001; brothers, Willis, Harlow, Burkley, John and James; and sisters, Sylvia Kearney, Murre Fillenworth and Estle Earles; son, Richad Earles; daughter, Marjorie Earles; and a granddaughter, Sheri Earles. He is survived by three daughters, Betty Norrie of Rochester, MN; Susan (John) Campbell of Harlan; and Linda (Paule Dawson) Earles of Newton; three sons, Jerry (Mary Ellen) Earles of Independence; Keith (Carol) Earles of Traer; and Steven Earles of Clear Lake; a sister, Nona Van Dusseldorp of Britt; 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 28, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church in Osage, with Rev. Dr. J. Samuel Subramanian officiating. Burial was in the Little Cedar Cemetery. Champion-Bucheit Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.