

## Ernest Kreis, 98

July 11, 1909 - April 11, 2008

**WALNUT** — Ernest William Kreis, son of Herman and Frieda (Hueckendorf) Kreis, was born on July 11, 1909, at Fontanelle, IA. He spent his early childhood on farms outside the Greenfield, Fontanelle and Creston areas until 1919 before his family settled in Zion, IA. After his schooling, Ernest attended the Chillicothe Business College in Chillicothe, MO, and then was employed for a short time with the Western Union Telegraph Company as a student clerk operator in Alliance, NE. Due to the Depression, Ernest lost his job with Western Union after only a few months. He returned home to assist on the family farm, drove bus and worked various construction jobs.

In 1937, Ernest purchased a bakery in Walnut, IA.

July 10, 1938, Ernest was united in marriage to Clara Palmer in Walnut, IA. They were the parents of two children: John and Marcia. After their marriage, the couple made their home near Walnut and Ernest continued to run the bakery until 1941, when he returned to farming. He retired from farming in 1965 and moved into Walnut where he worked construction and other jobs until his full retirement in 1985. Ernest liked reading westerns and watching the Dallas Cowboys play football. After Clara died on October 16, 2002, Ernest remained in Papillion where he died at the Methodist Hospital on April 11, 2008, having attained the age of ninety-eight years and nine months.

In addition to his parents and wife, Ernest was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence and Merrill. He is survived by his son, John Kreis of Papillion, NE, and his daughter, Marcia and her husband Clarence Fulks of Aztec, NM; five grandchildren: Christopher Hicks and his wife, Tami, Brandon Hicks, Shanna and her husband, Keith Taylor, Amanda Kreis and Tony Kreis and his wife Kellie; two great grandchildren, Tristan and Jayden Kreis; his brother Ralph Kreis of Lyons, KS and his sister Darlene Roberts of Aztec, NM; other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 2:00 PM at the Walnut Presbyterian Church in Walnut, IA with Pastor David Krueger as the clergy. Serving as casket bearers were Tony Kreis, Clarence Fulks, Ben Buskevicius, Christopher Hicks, Bill Palmer and Bill Buskevicius. Interment was at the Layton Township Cemetery, Walnut, IA.



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