

Max Lambert, 87

Dec. 16, 1915 - Sept. 6, 2003

DOW CITY – Max Lambert was born Dec. 16, 1915, the son of Arch and Edith Brasel Lambert, on a farm south of Dow City. At the age of four, he moved with his parents to a farm near Del Rapids, SD. He received his education in a rural school near their home in rural Del Rapids. After completing his education, he helped his family farm. At the age of 16, he moved with his family back to the Dow City area and settled on a farm northwest of Dow City. He and his brothers continued to farm with their parents until their father's sudden death. In 1941, Max was inducted into the U.S. Armed Services and was based in Texas and California. He received his honorable discharge in 1944. After returning to Dow City, he worked for the Crawford County Road Maintenance Department.

Feb. 8, 1945, Max married Betty Argotsinger. The couple settled on her mother's farm near Dow City and subsequently moved to Dow City where they bought his grandparents' house. They were blessed with the birth of four children. Max worked and contributed to his community from 1944 until his retirement from Civil Service with Crawford County in 1978. He also managed an oil station and cafe. In his retirement, he continued to work in his occupation of mechanics and he devoted more time to making knives. For over 40 years he made and provided knives across the country to various nationalities and notable customers, including the governor of Idaho. He also played softball with the Dow City team and was a member of the American Legion. He died Sept. 6, 2003, at the Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 87.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Winifred in 1985; and one sister, Leona Mae in infancy. Survivors include his wife, Betty of Dow City; three daughters, Carol Lambert (Randall) Moore of Coronado, CA; Bonnie Donovan of Boise, ID; Rosanne Wild (Joseph) of Nashua, NH; one son, Jerry Lambert (Susan) of Harlan; five grandchildren; and three brothers, Charles (Marion) of Omaha, NE; LaVerne of Dow City; and Robert (Helen) of Council Bluffs.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9, 2003, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison, with Elder Donna J. Weiss officiating. Graveside services were held at the Dow City Cemetery. Melanie Ohl Laubscher was honorary casket bearer. Casket bearers were Patrick Donovan, Ace Ettleman, Jim Randall, Ed Green, Brian Lambert, Richard Cross, Sherry Buss and Marie Lopez.