

Dale McCone, 82

April 23, 1922 - Jan. 8, 2005

MANILLA — Dale Dean, son of Benton and Myrtle (Smart) McCone, was born April 23, 1922, at Tulare, SD. He moved with his family to a farm south of Manilla, when he was in the sixth grade. Dale graduated from Manilla High School in 1940. He started farming with his dad and uncles, Charles and Bert. The family raised Shorthorn cattle.

June 22, 1942, Dale married Phyllis J. Firth at Omaha, NE. Three children were born to this union. They made their home near Botna where they raised cattle. In 1954, they moved to their own farm west of Manilla and started raising Red Angus and Murray Greys. Dale was active in many ag-related organizations. He was a past president of Farm Bureau and a longtime 4-H leader and extension council member. He was a member of the Crawford County Cattlemen's Association and the Iowa Cattlemen's Association. After moving into town in 2002, he continued to go to the farm and supervise the cattle operation. After open-heart surgery in the summer of 2004, Dale's health continued to fall. However, he was able to remain at home with the care of his wife and remained positive about his lot in life. Dale died at his home in Manilla, Jan. 8, 2005, at age 82 years, eight months and 16 days.

Preceding Dale in death are his parents and sister, Hazel Lodema Schwartz. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis McCone of Manilla; three children, Pam (Gary) Hall of Manilla; Stanley McCone (Virginia) of Sanborn, MN; and Patti (Dan) Muhlbauer of Manilla; 15 grandchildren, Ann (David) Getting; Dawn (Doug) VanderWeide; Alan Hall (Michele); Nancy Hall; Susan (Will) Manda; Katie Hall; Steven Hall; Christie (Chad) Heckathorn; Benton McCone; Charles McCone (Heidi); Steven McCone; Tom McCone; Beth Carter; David Muhlbauer; and Megan Muhlbauer; 15 great-grandchildren, Josh and Zack Getting; Emma, Grace and Jack Vander Weide; Derek, Luke, Ashley and Aidan Hall; Gary Manda; Mariah and Jack Heckathorn; Maddie and Lilly McCone; and Brody Carter; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, 2005, at the United Church of Manilla with Rev. John Kult officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna Cemetery. Casket bearers were grandsons, Alan Hall, Charles McCone, Tom McCone, Steven Hall, Benton McCone, Steven McCone, and David Muhlbauer. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.