

Howard McKee, 89

Jan. 28, 1915 - Dec. 22, 2004

PERSIA — Howard Raymond McKee was born Jan. 28, 1915, son of Marion and Mollie Moss McKee, in Woodbine and lived with his family on a farm near Persia. He received his education in a rural school near Woodbine.

Nov. 15, 1941, Howard married Ione Miller. The couple made their home in Persia for a short time, later moving to Omaha and then to San Diego, CA, where he was employed in the Air Craft Industry. In 1946, they moved to the family farm, near Persia, where they farmed, purchasing the farm in 1947. Along with farming, Howard worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad in Minden and later in Harlan as a section foreman. After his retirement in 1978, he moved to Fairfield Bay, AR and married Polly. Returning to Iowa in 1999, he lived with his daughter and son-in-law in Hancock for a few years, before returning to his farm in September of this year. He died Dec. 22, 2004, at the Mercy Medical Center in Council Bluffs, at age 89.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Ione, in 1976. Survivors include his daughter, Janice Wingert (Neil) of Shelby; four grandchildren, Gayla Laackmann of Neola; Ron Laackmann of Council Bluffs; Charles Bird (Christina) of Avoca; Angela Schnepel (Dan) of Hancock; 11 great-grandchildren and one step great-grandchild; one brother, Wilbur "Bill" McKee (Veta) of Sandwich, IL; and a sister-in-law, Margie McKee of Council Bluffs; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27, 2004, at the Huebner Funeral Home in Denison, with Elder Bryce Argotsinger officiating the services and graveside rites at the Dow City Cemetery. Casket bearers were Ron Laackmann, Dan Schnepel, Steve Stamp, Scott Dollen, Charlie Bird and Doug Davis. The Huebner Funeral Home in Denison, in charge of arrangements.