

Francis Richard Wear, 78

Jan. 27, 1917 - Jan. 8, 1996

AVOCA - Francis Richard Wear was born Jan. 27, 1917 son of Frank and Nora Powers Wear at Persia. He was one of four children in the family. He graduated from Persia High School in 1934.

Jan. 2, 1943 he married Rose Gaymen at Neola. They farmed in the Persia, Portsmouth and Logan area until the 1960's when they moved to Hancock. Later they moved to Avoca. He died Jan. 8, 1996 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital at age 78.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Loyola Janes. He is survived by his wife, Rose of Avoca, one son, Terry Wear of Springfield, VA; five daughters, Jane Ann (Allan) Erlbacher of Earling; Marilyn (Vern) McDaniel of Hiwassee, AR; Loretta (Wally) Cocking of Orange Park, FL; Shiela Neff of Urbandale and Maureen (Daniel) Coffman of Cedar Rapids; 21 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; one sister, Mary Briggs of Mo. Valley; one brother, Walter of Persia and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, 1996 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca with Father Fred Reischel officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery, Avoca.