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Charles Wooster, 98

May 1, 1892 — April 19, 1991

IRWIN — Charles, son of William and Mary Michaelsen Wooster, was born May 1, 1892 near Manning, in Jefferson twp., Shelby county. He received his education through the 8th grade in rural Pleasant Valley School near his home. He was engaged in farming with his father before entering the U.S. Army in the fall of 1917 during WW I. He spent most of his service in France and Germany, and was one of the first American soldiers to step on German soil after the Armistice. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre, the highest honor given to a foreigner by the France government. Before being discharged in Sept. of 1919 he served on the elite honor guard for General Pershing.

Oct. 1, 1919, he married Anna Elizabeth Fossel. Three children were born to this union: Richard, Betty, and Charles Jr. He farmed and raised purebred Hereford cattle on his farm south of Manning. In 1983 he and his wife moved to the Manning Plaza Nursing Home; Ann died there in 1984. He continued to make his home at the Plaza where he died April 19, 1991 at age 98 years, 11 months and 18 days.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; by a grandson, James Thomson; and by an infant brother. Survivors include his children, Richard Wooster (Vivian) of rural Manning; Betty (Clyde) Thomson of rural Manilla; and Charles Wooster, Jr. (Joanne) of rural Manilla; eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 22, 1991 at Ohde Funeral Home in Manning with Pastor Hank Jensen, and Pastor Robert Molby, officiating. Casketbearers were Jon Wooster, David Wooster, Phillip Stracke, Paul Wooster, Dale Summers and Bryan Troyer, Military Honors by American Legion Post 614, Irwin. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery in Irwin. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.