

George Axland, 78

Irwin — George Axland, son of Peder and Anna Thompson Axland, was born March 20, 1903 on a farm southeast of Irwin. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran church near Irwin. He attended the country school and the school in Irwin, growing to adulthood on the family farm. He then worked on various farms in the Irwin area.

On May 8, 1934, he married Isabelle Wareberg in Willmar, Minn. After their marriage, they made their home in Irwin while George farmed for a few years until becoming owner and operator of a mechanic shop in Irwin where he worked for the next 14 years. He then became employed by the town of Irwin as their water superintendent and marshal as well as several other duties until he retired in 1968. They continued to live in Irwin since that time. He was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran church in Irwin. He died at Jennie Edmundson Memorial hospital, Co. Bluffs, on Tuesday, May 26, 1981 at age 78 years, 2 months and 6 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two infant brothers and one brother, Stanley. Survivors include his wife, Isabelle of Irwin; one son, Donald Swenson of Galliano, La., and one daughter, Norma (Mrs William) Steppuhn of Co. Bluffs; ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; one brother, Martin of Harlan, and two sisters, Christina (Mrs David) Mellerup of Sturgeon, Mo., and Gertie (Mrs Nels) Jensen of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Irwin on Friday, May 29, 1981 with Rev. Stan Nielsen, officiating. Burial was in Oakhill cemetery in Irwin with Bud Knudson, Bill Steppuhn, Donald Swenson, Larry W. Miller, Richard Swenson and Alvin B. Wareberg serving as casketbearers.

Pauley Funeral Home of Harlan was in charge of the arrangements.