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## Ronald L. Bartelson, 75

**MERRILL'S GROVE** — Ronald Leroy Bartelson, son of James and Emma Petersen Bartelson was born Dec. 28, 1911, at the family home near Redline. He attended school at Polk Center and graduated from the Audubon high school. He was a long time member of Merrill's Grove Baptist church.

On June 2, 1935, he married Cecil McDowell at Grand Island. They farmed where they now live and after retiring in the 70's, he tended a big garden and yard. He died April 21, 1987 at the Salem Nursing Home in Elk Horn, where he has resided for the past month, at age 75 years, 3 months and 23 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Sophia Petersen and brother, Forest Bartelson. Survivors include his wife, Cecil; two sons; Allyn of Irwin and James of Anita; daughter, Carol (Mrs Leon) Nelson of Batavia; sister, Ruth (Mrs Victor) Julius of Harlan; and brother, Calvin Bartelson of Irwin. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were April 24, 1987 at the Merrill's Grove Baptist church with Rev. George J. Spencer, officiating. Burial was in the Merrill's Grove cemetery with Eugene Juhl, Paul Nelson, Leroy Larsen, Robert Burton, Marlin Petersen and Junior Bartelson serving as casketbearers. Burmeister Funeral Home were in charge of arrangements.