

# John Ivan Birks, 76

*April 23, 1916 — Feb. 15, 1993*

**MANILLA** — John Ivan Birks, son of Charles and Eva Tupper Birks, was born April 23, 1916 at Logan. The family moved to the Irwin area where he graduated from high school.

April 27, 1937, he married Caroline Case at Omaha where they lived until October of that year. They then moved to the Astor area southwest of Manilla and farmed until 1976 when they retired and moved into Manilla. He maintained membership in the Church of Christ in Irwin during these years. In 1990 his wife died and for the past year he had been a resident of the Manilla Manor Nursing Home where he died Feb. 15, 1993, at age 76 years, 9 months and 23 days.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; two sons-in-law, Emil D. Grau, and Bryce Colburn; the following brothers, Coy, Willie, Ted LaVerne, Frank, Charles, and Art; and a sister, Ruby Sears. Survivors include his children, Barbara (Terry) Burgin of Santa Ana, CA.; Patricia Grau of Manning; Larry Birks (Carma) of Manilla; and Judy (Al) Zimmerman of Reliance, S.D.; 11 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; a sister, Opal Mauer of Canton, OH.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 18, 1993 at the Church of Christ in Irwin with Pastor Ted Sieck, officiating. Casketbearers were Laverne Jorgensen, Harold Olson Sr., Harvey Christensen, Bernie Jorgensen, Wilbur Wetzell, and Howard Mickelson. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.