

## Harold J. Brue, 73

**IRWIN** - Harold James Brue, the son of Carl and Mathilda (Knudson) Brue, was born Dec. 1, 1916 on a farm three miles south of Manilla in Shelby co. He died on July 17, 1990 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha, at age 73 years, 7 months and 16 days. He attended country school through the eight grade, and then the Irwin Community School, where he graduated in 1934. After school, he helped his parents and other relatives on their farms.

Jan. 30, 1942, he enlisted into the U.S. Army at Ft. Crook, NE. He served his country during WW II as a Sergeant overseas in the European Theater. While in the Army, he received 2 Bronze Stars, 4 Overseas Service Bars and the Good Conduct Medal for his faithful service to his country. After receiving his Honorable Discharge Oct. 23, 1945, he returned to Irwin where he farmed with his parents.

June 29, 1949, he married Aletha Ahrenholtz at her parents home in Defiance. Five children were born to this union. After they were married, they farmed south of Defiance, for 23 years. In 1971, they moved to Irwin, where he worked as a custodian until 1979, when he retired. Irwin has remained their home since that time. He was a member of the Irwin United Methodist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Norma Barratt. He is survived by his wife, Aletha of Irwin; two sons, Vernon Brue (Linda) of Harlan, and Benji Brue (Patty) of Kansas City, MO.; three daughters, Joleen Koch (Gary) of New Ulm, MN.; Becky Reinig (Mark) of Skidmore, MO., and Karen Wood (Dale) of Greenfield; seven grandchildren; one sister, Mildred (Mrs Larry) Greiner of Harlan; two brothers, LaVern Brue and Merlene (Bill) Brue both of Irwin; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 20, 1990 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Walter Bernard of the Irwin United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Union Twp. cemetery in Defiance with Kurt Brue, Joel Ahrenholtz, Roger Ahrenholtz, Jerry Ahrenholtz, Steven M. Barratt, and Randall Ahrenholtz serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.