

## **LeRoy J. Brus, 83**

**March 10, 1911 - March 8, 1995**

**Harlan** - LeRoy, son of Hugo and Margaret Ehrichs Brus was born March 10, 1911 near Aspinwall, in Crawford County. He grew up on a farm north of Gray and completed grade school in the neighborhood one-room school. He graduated from Gray high School in 1930. During his senior year he drove a school bus and assisted at the Harry Rabel Grocery Store.

June 4, 1936 he married Lucille Campbell at Harlan. One son, Ronald, and two daughters, Dorothea and Marilyn, were born to this union. He was a dedicated farmer, always trying to preserve the soil and produce quality products. From 1977 until retirement he was assisted on the farm by his son, Ronald. He retired from active farming in 1985 moving to Harlan in 1991. He cooperated with the County Extension Service, Aspinwall Coop, and Dairy Herd Improvement Association. He was also involved with the Farm Bureau, International Farm Youth Exchange, and local 4-H clubs. The family hosted a young farmer from the Netherlands and one from Denmark during the summer of 1951. Because of failing health he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan in Aug. of 1992; he died there March 8, 1995 at age 83 years, 11 months and 26 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ann Nielsen. Survivors include his wife, Lucille, of Harlan; his children: Dorothea Lee, of Kingston, WA; Ronald Brus (Carol) of Harlan; and Marilyn (Dean) Garnett, of Harlan; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; two sisters: Florence Seidl, of Dedham and Rosella (Melvin) McMahon, of Des Moines; a sister-in-law, Bernice Hauschildt of West Des Moines; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 11, 1995 at the Ohde Funeral Home, Manning with Rev. Paul Wilcox, First United Methodist Church, Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Manning City cemetery. Casket bearers were: Kevin Brus, Dean Hauschildt, Robert Lee, Duane Brus, Craig Sullivan and Thomas Lee. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.