

## Marvin "Padre" Bruce Barratt, 83

April 11, 1915 - June 19, 1998 ✓

**IRWIN** - Marvin "Padre" Bruce Barratt, son of Bruce B. and Sarah Magdaline (Sorensen) Barratt, was born April 11, 1915, on the family farm in rural Irwin, Shelby County. He was the oldest of four boys, and helped out on the family farm. After graduation from the Irwin High School, he had hoped to become a civil engineer, but his father's death prevented him from attending college. He farmed instead.

Feb. 27, 1947, he married Norma Brue in Irwin. The couple became the parents of five sons, and after Norma's death May 28, 1967, he continued raising his sons. At this time, he began working for the City of Irwin as a water and sewer superintendent. In 1976, he married Ruby Hanson, who had four grown children of her own. She died in June, 1979. He became a resident of the Manilla Manor in 1995. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. One of Marvin's proudest moments was receiving a special award from Dana College for having five sons attend the school; this prompted him to establish a scholarship trust. He died June 19, 1998, at the Manilla Manor at age 83 years, two months and eight days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one brother, Vernon Barratt; his first wife, Norma (Brue) Barratt; and his second wife, Ruby (Hanson) Barratt. Survivors include five sons, Steven M. Barratt of Kirkman; Roger L. (Angie) Barratt of Oakland and Kevin K. Barratt, Brian B. Barratt and Joel G. Barratt, all of Omaha; four grandchildren, Kyle, Ryan, Jordan and Shelby; two brothers, Robert (Mary) Barratt of Pleasant Hills and Duane (Bernice) Barratt of Irwin; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 23, 1998, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, with Pastor Henry Flessner of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Thomas Gale Barratt, Warren Hansen, John L. Steenhusen, Bill Brue, Harry Wetzel and Kenny Knudson. Casket bearers were Larry Clemons, Rae Zimmerman, Kenny Madsen, Kurt Brue, Bob Boettcher and Gary Randeris. Inurnment was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.