

LaVern Brue, 81

Nov. 9, 1922 - July 18, 2004

IRWIN – Carl LaVern Brue, the son of Carl T. and Mathilda (Knudson) Brue, was born Nov. 9, 1922, in rural Irwin. He graduated from Irwin High School in 1940. LaVern served as a member of the United States Military Police in Germany from August, 1945, through January 1947. After World War II, he returned to Irwin, where he farmed and raised livestock south of town.

Aug. 23, 1975, LaVern married Lorene M. Steckelberg at his Irwin home. He retired in the early 1980's. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. He died July 18, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 81 years, eight months and nine days.

Preceding LaVern in death were his parents; one brother, Harold Brue; and one sister, Norma Barratt. He is survived by his wife, Lorene Brue of Manilla Manor; three daughters, Vivian Arnold of Harlan; Diane (Wally) Lenczowski of Omaha, NE; and Roxie (Frank) Miranda of Las Vegas, NV; one brother, Bill (Peggy) Brue of Irwin; one sister, Mildred Greiner of Audubon; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 22, 2004, at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home with Pastor Ron Rasmussen of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Irwin, officiating. Casket bearers were Steven M. Barratt, Larry Knudson, Kurt D. Brue, Jay A. Brue, Lester Steckelberg, and Wally Lenczowski. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin.