

## **Russel Justice, 79** ✓

*Aug. 14, 1927 - March 7, 2007*

**IRWIN** — Russel S. Justice was born Aug. 14, 1927, on a farm near Manilla, to Ralph and Alta (Chamberlain) Justice. He attended Manilla High School, graduating in 1945. He farmed until January of 1951, when he enlisted in the United States Army. After his basic training, he was sent to Japan for his schooling and was awarded the Bronze Star for his service. Russel was honorably discharge from the service in October of 1952. He returned to Iowa and continued his farming career.



Feb. 19, 1956, Russel married Darlene Petersen at the Frieden Evangelical Church in Schleswig. Two children were born to this union: his daughter, Diane, and his son, Gary. Russel and Darlene farmed near his hometown of Manilla until 1958. It was that year that they moved to their present farm near Irwin, and where he remained. Russel was a member of the Irwin United Methodist Church. He was admitted to Myrtue Medical Center March 7, 2007, and it was there that he died at age 79 years, six months, and 21 days.

Russel was preceded in death by his parents, and five brothers, Earl, Kenneth, George, Harold, and Amos. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Justice of Irwin; his daughter, Diane (Randy) Breach of Atlantic; his son, Gary Justice of Irwin; his grandsons, Scott Breach and Dave Breach, both of Atlantic; two brothers, Clifford (Frances) Justice of Irwin and Howard (Norma) Justice of Ankeny; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 9, 2007, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Pastor Keith Pals officiating. Casket bearers were Leo Klotz, Roger Rusch, Leon Klotz, Scott Breach, Dave Breach, and Jim Justice. Military rites were held at the Harlan Cemetery by the Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941.