

## **William Kuchel, 101**

*April 20, 1898 – Aug. 20, 1999*

**ARCATA, CA** – William Louis "Bill" Kuchel was born April 20, 1898, on the family farm near Irwin to Fred and Emma (Wiese) Kuchel. He attended local Irwin area schools. As a young man he worked on various farms and cattle ranches in the Dakotas and southwestern Iowa. In 1925; he and his brother, Albert, traveled to Wenatchee, WA to visit their aunt and uncle, Henry and Nannie Stefen.

While there he met and married Minnie Trejbal in 1927. The following year they moved to Arcata, CA working in a barrel factory for a short while, before returning to Irwin, where they farmed. In 1938, they moved back to Washington, on to Oregon and finally settling in Arcata, CA. Soon after the onset of WW II he was employed in construction work. They celebrated their golden anniversary in 1977. They were married nearly 59 years when she died in June of 1986. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Rhuneberg Lodge and a local musician's union. He died Aug. 20, 1999 at age 101 and four months.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Minnie; his parents; his stepmother, Tena Wiese Kuchel; his sisters, Ella, Dora and Lottie Kuchel; Alvena and husband, Julius Andresen; his brothers, Albert and wife, Agnes Kuchel; Edwin and wife, Liz Kuchel; Harold and wife, Ruby Kuchel; and stepbrother, Carl Wiese; his nephews, Frank Kuchel, Howard Kuchel, and Allan Wiese; and niece, Elaine Gaer. He is survived by his daughter, Olive (Deniz) Vieiria of Arcata, CA; his stepson, Earl Trejbal (Dorothy) of Mesa, AZ; step granddaughters, Vickie (Allen) Bejda, Locust, NJ; Barbara (Ben) Fresquez and their children, Elena and B.J. of Laramie, WY; his nephew, Virgil Andresen (Audrey) of Ferguson; nieces, Charlyne (Amos) Armstrong of Warrensburg, MO; Janelle (Tony) Murdock of Fortna, CA; Rose Marie (Dan) Nastali, Kansas City, MO; Margaret Kuchel, Webster City; Lyla (Al) Thompson of Irwin; Ladelle (Orlando) Hanson of Manilla; Theda Wiese of Manning; and his step sister-in-law, Leona Wiese of Irwin; and nephew, Howard Gaer of Co. Bluffs.

Services were held Aug. 25, 1999, at Paul's Chapel, Arcata, CA, with burial at Ocean View Cemetery, Eureka.