

## **Carl Deupree, 88**

*May 23, 1913 – Sept. 19, 2001*

**MISSOURI VALLEY** – Carl William Deupree was born May 23, 1913, at Pender, NE, son of Roy E. and Dora Dohrmann Deupree. There were two sisters and one brother in his family, Alice, Merle and Thelma. When he was 3 years old his family moved to Persia. Then they moved to Omaha and Carl graduated from Benson High School. He came back to Persia to help his uncle on the farm and also drove a truck for another uncle. In April of 1937, he and Les Steenbock began in the oil business known as Persia Oil Company.

Aug. 4, 1938, Carl married Melinda Hammond and they were parents of one daughter and three sons, Karleen, Robert, Dwain and Arlon. He continued in the oil company until 1976. In 1977, they moved to Council Bluffs. He was a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia. He died Sept. 19, 2001, at age 88 years in Missouri Valley.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by Thelma Johnson in July 1976; Merle Deupree in May 1998 and a grandson, Brian Deupree in October 1998. Survivors are his wife, Melinda of 63 years of Longview Home in Missouri Valley; children, Karleen Risner of Council Bluffs; Robert (Marilyn) Deupree of Marshalltown; Dwain Deupree and Arlon (Nellie) Deupree, both of Council Bluffs; one sister, Alice Scholl of West Point, NE; 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Services were held Sept. 22, 2001, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia, with Rev. Dale Jenson officiating. Casket bearers were Keith, Carl and LaVerne Wilson, Kirk Parsons, Lannie Newland and James Deupree. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery at Persia. Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.