

Ralph Hildebrand, 83

Oct. 28, 1915 - June 26, 1999

HANCOCK - Ralph Mervin Hildebrand was born in Valley Township, Pottawattamie County, Oct. 28, 1915, son of Ola and Mildred Dool Hildebrand. He was one of seven children in the family. Mervin attended school in Hancock and graduated with the class of 1933.

He married Dorothy Brown in Rockport, MO Jan. 19, 1943. He served his country during World War II in the Army and was stationed in England and France. Mervin and Dorothy were the parents of three children, Douglas, Barb and Jane. They made their home on a farm near Hancock. He raised cattle, grains and alfalfa. He loved having horses on the farm and his farm was never without a horse. He raised Belgian horses and used to team them up. He died suddenly at his home June 26, 1999, at age 83 years, seven months and 29 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Gilbert Dean, who died in Italy during World War II; his sisters, Genevra Sheehy and Ruth Lane. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Hancock; his son, Douglas Hildebrand (Pat) of Marshalltown; his daughters, Barb Hildebrand of Houston, TX and Jane Pierce of Hancock; his grandchildren, Lara Hildebrand; Amber (Chad) Harre; Anne Hildebrand and Erin Pierce; his brothers, Doyce Hildebrand (Lois) of Hancock; Virgil Hildebrand (Elaine) also of Hancock and Charles (Chuck) Hildebrand (Dorothy) of Denver, CO; and other relatives.

Private memorial services were held with Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.