

Charles Miller, 90

March 18, 1917 - July 5, 2007

MANILLA – Charles Alfred Miller, son of Eli and Myra (Enous) Miller, was born and raised on a farm north of Manilla, March 18, 1917. He attended grade school east of Defiance at Greeley Center School and then attended high school in Manilla. After his schooling, he worked on several farms in the Defiance area. While attending church in Defiance, he met his future wife.

Feb. 18, 1940, Charles married Phyllis Hulsebus on her grandparents' farm, the same farm where they later made their home for 67 years. Four boys were born to this union, Neil, Allan, Eugene, and Lyle. Charles continued working on the family farm until his retirement in 1993. After retiring, he continued to help his son, Lyle, farm and even helped his grandsons, the fifth generation to farm this land, with harvest this past fall at age 89. Charles remained on the family farm until June 2007, when he became a resident of Manilla Manor. It was there that he died July 5, 2007, at age 90 years, three months, and 17 days.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents; his son, Eugene Ray; two sisters, Stella Heflin and Alice Nielsen; and one brother, Leo Miller. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, of 67 years, of Manilla; his three sons, Neil Miller (Mary) of Manilla; Allan Miller (Sue) of Brownsville, PA; and Lyle Miller (MaroLee) of Manilla; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 9, 2007, with Rev. Keith Pals officiating at the United Methodist Church in Defiance. Honorary casket bearers were Joseph Gubbels, Jacob Gubbels, Kathryn Gubbels, Jared Schmitz, Spencer Miller, Kayla Miller, Jacob Miller, Jared Miller, Hayden Miller, Elish Miller, Madison Reagan, and Makenzie Reagan. Casket bearers were Rick Miller, Brian Miller, Jodi Gubbels, Jim Miller, Jason Miller, Jacie Reagan, Michael Miller, Patrick Miller, and Kathleen Miller. Burial was at the Nishnabotna Cemetery in Manilla. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

