



Edward Joseph Pesek

April 20, 1910 - April 13, 2008

Edward Joseph Pesek was born on April 20, 1910 on a farm near Western, Nebraska to Frank and Mary (Raiter) Pesek. He grew up on a farm near Loma, Nebraska where he attended country school through the 8th Grade. As a young boy, Ed spent a great deal of time helping on the farm but he did enjoy hunting and polka dancing in his free time.

Ed married Valera Cernik on June 7, 1937 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Omaha, Nebraska and to this union three sons were born: Terry, Gerald and Donald.

Ed began his career as a farmer in Butler County with a short interruption to Cudahy Packing in Milwaukee and aeronautics school at the beginning of WWII. He returned to farming in 1941 near Tekamah and moved to Bennington and then Elkhorn. The family moved to the Waterloo area in 1956 and continued to farm. They have enjoyed 52 years in the same home.

Ed enjoyed gardening, raising fruit trees, polka dancing and tending his ducks, geese and farm animals. He took great pride in the fruits of his labors, sharing the multitude of his crops. Ed took great pleasure in farming, working the land and the renovation of his one hundred year old barn. Ed and Valera enjoyed travelling, spending their 40th Anniversary in the Bahamas and their 50th Anniversary with a two week stay in Hawaii. Ed and Valera were blessed to celebrate their 70th anniversary and witness the birth of their great grandchildren. Ed had tremendous optimism for the future which he showed by planting a tree at midnight on New Years Eve 2000, now known as the

millennium tree.

Ed passed away on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at the Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 97 years, 11 months and 24 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Frank and Mary, brothers Joe, Frank and Charles and sisters Mary, Ann, Agnes and Emma. Ed is survived by his wife Valera of Waterloo, Nebraska; sons and daughters-in-law Terry and Pauline of Waterloo, Nebraska, Gerald and Lois of Omaha, Nebraska and Donald and Jane of Fenton, Missouri; 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Courtesy of Reichmuth Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Joseph Pesek*

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