

Charles Escher, 84

Dec. 31, 1927 - Aug. 4, 2012

MANNING — Charles Henry

Escher was a lifetime farmer and long term resident of Audubon County. Born December 31, 1927 at home in Shelby County to Laura Lundby Escher and Herbert Escher, Charles was the youngest of five children. As a young man, Charles excelled in sports and livestock judging. After graduating from Tennant High School in 1945, Charles proudly served one year in the Army in the 7th Infantry Division in South Korea. Upon returning home he farmed with his mother on the Knoll Krest Farm in Shelby County until 1950. After selling that farm, Charles and his mother purchased a farm in Audubon County. Charles farmed this land for over 50 years. "The Escher Place" was widely known for its pristine buildings, white fences, and black Angus cow and calf herd.



In 1952, Charles married Marilyn Ann Simpson from Irwin. They worked the land together, sharing the joys and disappointments of farming for 45 years. They raised four children, Jo Lynn (Steven) Thorson of Omaha, NE; Kirk (Marilu) of Redlands, CA; Jill (Dr. David) Neidig of Mt. Vernon, IL; and Keith of Long Beach, CA. On August 4, 2012, Charles died at the Hospice House of Omaha after a year long battle with lung and bladder cancer at age 84 surrounded by his loving family. Charles left this world peacefully.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and his loving wife, Marilyn. He is survived by his children, grandchildren, Jane Thorson, Stephanie Thorson, Andrea Boschult and husband, Aaron, Ben Thorson, Nick Neidig, Eric Neidig, Matthew and Courtney Escher, Marisa Escher, Stacy Escher, and Natalie Escher; and two great-grandchildren, Aubrey and Emma Escher; and special companion and bingo partner, Florine Nielsen.

A memorial service was held Saturday, August 11, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Manning. A luncheon followed the service. Memorial contributions can be made to the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America and Orphaned and Injured Wildlife, Spirit Lake.