Creede Melvin, son of Ralph E. and Cora E. (Lowe) Brooke, was born on a farm in Harrison County near Ridgeway, Missouri on June 15, 1916 and passed away on Feb. 24, 1979 at the age of 62 years. He grew up with a love of rural life and the soil.

He was married to Lola Madge Hughes on Nov. 20, 1937. They moved into a farm home. There were two daughters were born, Mildred Leigh and Donna Rhea, Gilman City, Mo.

In 1941 they could see better things ahead if they moved to Iowa. They settled on a farm in the Loring community near Maxwell. Here their son Kenneth LaRoy was born.

With the three children and many good neighbors and friends around them, the home was soon a home of love and discipline and hard work.

He gave his life to Christ April 7, 1955 son after coming to Iowa and was a member of the Loring United Methodist Church.

Great sorrow came when their daughter "Milli" Winchell, was taken from the family circle on April 12, 1978.

Deceased also is his father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, and three brothers-in-law.

Left to mourn his going is his faithful wife Madge, his daughter Donna, and her husband Larry Beals, and three sons, Jim, John and Gene of Collins, Iowa; his son Ken and wife Kay and children Terry and Tammy of Sioux City, Iowa; and Milli's husband, Sid and four children, Kevin, Kelli, Kim, and Kris of Atlantic, Iowa; one brother Deane of Bethany, Mo.; three sisters Marjorie Mendenhall of Coffey, Mo.; Cleo Grady of Macon, Mo. and Edith Foster of Omaha, Nebr.; a host of nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends.

He passed away on Feb. 24 after having attained his life's goal. Having a new home for he and his wife.

Creede Melvin Brooke, 62, of Maxwell died at his home Saturday night.

He had farmed in the Loring area since 1941.

Brooke is survived by his wife Lola Madge of Maxwell; one son, Ken, of Sioux City; a daughter, Donna Beals of Collins; a son-in-law, Sid Winchell of Atlantic; 3 sisters, Marjorie Mendenhall of Coffey, Mo., Mrs. Cleo Grady of Macon, Mo. and Edith Foster of Omaha, Mo.; a brother, Dean Brooke of Bethany, Mo. and 9 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Mildred Winchell of Atlantic.

Services will be held at the Loring United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. tomorrow with Rev. William Steward officiating. Burial will be in the Loring Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Cooper Funeral Home in Maxwell until noon tomorrow.

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