

## OBITUARIES

### **John L. Depping, 87**

John L. Depping, 87, of Melbourne died Sunday, May 19, 2002 at the State Center Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in State Center.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 23, at Bethany United Church of Christ with Rev. Bill Gardner of Bethany United Church of Christ officiating. Visitation was held on Wednesday at the Boyd-Davis Funeral Home. Interment will be at the Bethany Cemetery in Baxter. Memorials may be directed to the John L. Depping Memorial Fund. For further information, please visit [www.purseldavis.com](http://www.purseldavis.com).

John Leland was born March 18, 1915 in Baxter the son of Ernest August and Bertha (Dee) Depping. He attended Baxter schools until 1921 when the family moved to a

farm in Marshall County where he attended Logan No. 9 and Eden No. 6. In the spring of 1930, the family relocated to a larger farm in Marshall County where John continued to live until 1954, when he moved to a farm that he had purchased in 1951, near Melbourne. He enjoyed raising and working with cattle. He farmed until 1985 and moved to the State Center Manor, June of 1998, due to his failing health. He was a member of the Bethany United Church of Christ.

He is survived by a sister: Elsie Klaas, Melbourne and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Oscar and August and four sisters: two infants Dora and Beatrice.