

July 17, 2003

Fred Russell McLain

Oct. 12, 1920, to July 11, 2003

Fred Russell McLain, Sr., 82, of rural Nevada died on Friday, July 11, at Story County Medical Center in Nevada.

He was born Oct. 12, 1920, in rural Nevada to Frank E. and Mable (Carr) McLain. He was a graduate of Nevada High School and attended Simpson College in Indianola until W.W. II began. During W.W.II, he served as a civilian flight instructor at the British Flight Training School in Terrell, Texas. He married Jonnie E. Bale on April 24, 1943, in Terrell, Texas. He was a lifelong farmer. He served as Chairman of the Iowa Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) Committee in 1968 and director of the Iowa Drought Relief Committee of the Small Business Administration in 1977. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the Nevada Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed gardening, traveling and politics.

Survivors include his wife, Jonnie Bale McLain of Nevada; two sons, Fred (and Peggy) McLain of Gaithersburg, Md., and Frank (and Cindy) McLain of Nevada; two daughters, Diane (and Eric) Lundby of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Cindy A. McLain of Commerce, Texas; two sisters, Catherine (and Lamar) Newsome of Nevada and Mildred McLain of Ames; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a brother-in-law, Don (and Margit Reedholm) Bale of Burk-Burnett, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother who died in childhood and an infant sister.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, July 15, at First United Methodist Church with Pastor Steve Williams officiating. Private burial of the cremains was held in the Nevada Municipal Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established in Fred's name for the First United Methodist Church Music Department. Chet Ryan Mortuary, Nevada, handled arrangements.