Earl Sleeuwenhoek

He was born Oct. 26, 1923, in Killiduff to Barend and Mabel Clausen Sleeuwenhoek. The family moved to the Rock Creek area where he attended rural school. On May 9, 1943, he was married to Viola Weaver in Lancaster, Mo. The couple lived in the Newburg area where he operated a grain and livestock farm. He also operated a livestock and grain trucking service for area farmers.

He was a member of the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church and the Farm Bureau. He enjoyed attending farm sales and auctions.

He is survived by his wife Viola Sleeuwenhoek of Grinnell; one daughter Jean Halverson of Grinnell; three grandchildren; one sister Grace Sleeuwenhoek of Grinnell and three brothers, Alfred Sleeuwenhoek of Newton and Lawrence Sleeuwenhoek and Wendell Sleeuwenhoek of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Carroll, Lloyd and Norman Sleeuwenhoek.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Russell Wentling, pastor of the Newburg-Chester Congregational Church, officiating. Pianist will be Kathleen McCune and vocal music will be by Delmar and Norma Sharp. Casket bearers will be Jason and Justin Halverson, Dirk and Lynn Sleeuwenhoek, Jeff Renaud and Clark Weaver. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Newburg. Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home beginning at 5 p.m. Monday with family members present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to Grinnell Regional Hospice or Newburg-Chester Congregational Church.