Ardell Brua died Nov. 18, 2015, surrounded by his family at the Lake Mills Care Center in Lake Mills, Iowa. Visitation will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21, at Salem Lutheran Church with funeral services following.
Ardell Jeroy Brua was born at home on Oct. 3, 1923, in Silver Lake Township, Worth County, to James and Anne Steen Brua. He was baptized and confirmed at Silver Lake Lutheran Church in Lake Mills. He attended schools in rural Worth County and graduated from Emmons High School in 1941, then attended Waldorf College.
Ardell was united in marriage with Alfreda Anderson on March 14, 1943, at Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills. The family farmed two miles southeast of Emmons for approximately 50 years until moving to Lake Mills in 1998. In March 2015, Ardell and Alfreda celebrated 72 years of marriage. Alfreda died on April 1, 2015.
Ardell had a passion for farming. He also worked for the ASCS in Northwood and spent over 20 years as a rural mail carrier. He was also a talented carpenter and mechanic.
Ardell is survived by his son, Vaughn; three grandchildren, including Nicole Brua-Behrens of Grinnell, Cory Brua of Lake Mills, and Sara Frederickson of Wallingford; seven great-grandchildren; and other relations.
He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Dorothy and brother, Eldo.