

Lester L. Elrod

Lester L. Elrod, 91, of Cherokee Village, Ark., and formerly of Gilman died Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at the Ash Flat Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Ash Flat., Ark.

Funeral services for Lester Elrod will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the Church of the Brethren near Prairie City, with the Rev. Lynn Elrod officiating. Pallbearers will include Bill Amsden, Larry Dahl, Brian Lucas, Tim Vanderpool, Zac Wheeler and Greg and Phil Wilson. Honorary bearers will include Cathy Dahl, Sandy Faust, Shari Lucas, Abby McCrea and Katie Wheeler. Burial will be in Griffis Cemetery near Prairie City.

Visitation will be from noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell; the family will be present from 6 to 8 p.m.

Born Aug. 17, 1915 in Prairie City, he was the son of Carl and Myra Young Elrod. He received his education in Jasper County schools.

On March 28, 1936, he married Florence M. Romick, also in Prairie City. The couple farmed in that area for several years, moving to Gilman in 1958. While there, he worked in the construction field. The couple moved to Cherokee Village in 1980, where he owned and operated Elrod's Furniture.

He was a member of the Church of the Brethren and the United Methodist Churches in Gilman and Cherokee Village. He was a member of Lions Clubs in both Gilman and Cherokee Village. He was also active in the Gilman Saddle Club.

He is survived by four daughters, Shirley Van Wyhe of Oskaloosa, Wilma Wilson of Grinnell, Sue Vanderpool of Mammoth Springs, Ark., and Carla McCrea of Runnels; a brother, John Elrod of Prairie City; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; an infant daughter; two grandsons; and one great-grandson.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Lester L. Elrod Memorial Fund.

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