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Basil I. Brown

Basil I. Brown, son of John Gordy and Oma V. Ross Brown, was born on December 6, 1920, in Foil, Missouri, and passed away on February 16, 2001 at Grand Island, Nebraska. He grew up in Foil and Ava Missouri, and received his education in the Ozark County, Little Creed School near Foil. He enlisted in the United Sate Coast Guard on July 1, 1942, serving during World War II in the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged on April 20, 1946. He was united in marriage to Linora Harms Wynn on August 20, 1947, in Glenwood, Iowa. Mrs. Brown had three children by a previous marriage and he loved and raised them as his own. He also helped his mother with the six boys left at home after his father's death. Before 1959 he was a receiving clerk at Townsend Wholesale Grocery and then he moved to Grand Island. They owned a Superior 400 Service Station until 1973. In 1975 the couple started Brownie's Pianos. They bought and sold used pianos. He retired in 1985. Basil belonged to the VFW, the Eagles Club and the Travelers Protection Group.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Deward "Art", Doyle, Troy, Alfred, and one sister, Okkie Johnson. He is survived by his wife Linora Brown, Grand Island, Nebraska, a stepson and his wife Morise and Joyce Wynn of Shenandoah, stepson and wife Richard and Lorna Wynn, Lincoln, Nebraskka, a stepdaughter and her husband Barbara and John Smaha, Lincoln, Nebraska, nine stepgrandchildren, four stepgreat-grandchildren, a brother, Kenneth Brown of Shenandoah, twin brothers, Wylie and Willie Brown, Grand Island, two sisters, Maxine Webber of Union Michigan, Ruth Huffman of Kansas City, Missouri, many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home in Shenandoah Tuesday, February 20, 2001, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Randy Handly officiating. Music selections were "The Old Ruggd Cross" and "Shall We Gather At The River." Casket bearers were Eddy Johnson, Leon McEnaney, Terry Tharp, Dave Kinney, Josh Wynn and Tim Smaha Interament was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Shenandoah. Hackett-Livingston Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.