

Curtis A. Orchard

PALMYRA - Curtis A. Orchard, 91, of Palmyra, died Friday, May 28, 1999, at Holton Manor Nursing Home in Elkhorn.

He was born January 8, 1908, in Palmyra, Wisconsin, to Alvin and Laura (Pett) Orchard.

When Curtis was a year old, he moved with his parents to a farm in the Town of Sullivan. He grew up in the Siloam area.

He attended Bark River School and Palmyra Grade School. He graduated from Oconomowoc High School in 1928. He worked for Kuhn Hatchery in Oconomowoc inspecting flocks and later worked for Land O' Lakes Dairy in Oconomowoc.

Mr. Orchard married Violet Locker September 25, 1932, in Sussex.

He joined Golden Guernsey Corp., in Milwaukee in 1933 and was an employee there until 1945. He purchased a farm in the Little Prairie area in 1943 and has lived in the area since.

Mr. Orchard was a former director of Jefferson County Farm Bureau, clerk of the former Little Prairie School District, president of the Board of Trustees of Little Prairie Church, past president of the Old Settlers Organization of Palmyra and was its honored Old Settler in 1992.

He was very active in the Guernsey Breeders Association, being a member of the local, state and national levels. He was also a member of the Cornish Society of Greater Milwaukee, the Cornish American Society, and charter member of the Palmyra Historical Society. He was a member of Little Prairie United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Violet (Locker); children Kathryn (Robert) Morrow of Greenfield, William (Kathleen) Orchard of Eagle, David (Terri) Orchard of Sussex; five grandchildren, Julie, Kristi, Jennifer, Curt and Heidi; nieces; nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Harold.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 3, 1999, at the Little Prairie United Methodist Church. Reverend Lucinda Alwa will officiate with the burial at Hillside Cemetery in Palmyra.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Wednesday June 2, 1999, at Mealy's Funeral Home, 103 Eagle St., Eagle, and also from 10:30 a.m., Thursday June 3, 1999, until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Little Prairie United Methodist Church are appreciated.

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Mealy's Funeral Home is assisting the family, 594-2442.