In Loving Memory

JOHN S. GROVER

John S. Grover, age 104, died Monday, May 31, 2010 at his residence in Liberal. He died quietly in his sleep surrounded by members of his family. He was born November 3, 1905, to Merritt Lewis and Mary Ellen (Smith) Grover at LaHarpe, Kansas.

He came to Liberal at the age of 6 with his mother and father in a covered wagon in 1911. The family settled on a farm west of Liberal and he attended the Wide-A-Wake rural school and graduated from the Liberal High School in 1921, where he was involved in music and track. He attended Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas and received a diploma in business from the Wichita Business School. He farmed at Liberal and near Larned, Kansas, for fifty two years and retired at the age of seventy six.

On May 26, 1929, he married Cicilia Buhrer in Larned, Kansas. She died September 16, 1986. On November 15, 1986, he married Saundra S. Hawk in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She survives.

He remained very active after retirement taking care of rental properties, his farming and family interests. He was an active member of the Gideon’s International of Kansas and a founding member of the Faith Tabernacle Church and Chairman of the Board for many years. He was a long time resident of Liberal.

He was a man of great Christian faith and touched many lives through his generosity of spirit and life. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Other Survivors include two sons, John E. Grover and wife Joel Faye Bennet, Santa Fe, NM, and Donald L. Grover, Corydon, IN; three stepsons, Danny Hawk, Liberal, KS, Billy Hawk,

Liberal, KS, and David Hawk, Shawnee, OK; one daughter, Valena Smith, Claremore, OK; one stepdaughter, Darla Hawk Hughes, Tulsa, OK; one sister, Venita Grover Hazelwood and husband, Jay, Austin, TX; 34 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 9 great great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Cicilia Buhrer Grover; one sister, Letha Grover Meyers; and one stepdaughter, Dena Hawk Walsh.

o service will be 2:00 pm, Thursday June 3, 2010 at Faith Tabernacle, Liberal, with Pastor Rex Petty presiding. Burial will follow at Liberal Cemetery. Visitation will be 1 – 8 pm Tuesday and 9 am – 8 pm Wednesday with the family present to greet friends from 6 – 8 pm Wednesday at Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Faith Tabernacle or Gideon's International in care of Kitch-Brenneman Funeral Home 1212 W. 2nd Liberal, KS 67901.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.brennemanfuneralhome.com.

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