



M David Urmston

April 1, 2007

M. David URMSTON, Age 84, died Sunday, April 1, 2007 at Hospice of Hamilton. He was born in Hamilton on September 29, 1922, the son of Murray D. Urmston and Ora Howald Urmston. He was raised on the family farm in Liberty Township where he continued to live most of his life. On September 10, 1946 he was united in marriage with Mary Jane Burns. This union produced one daughter, Jane Urmston Hutzelman. Both wife, Mary Jane, and daughter, Jane, preceded him in death. On April 8, 1961 he married Patricia Conroy, with whom he enjoyed 45 years of marriage. Two daughters, JoEllen and Jennifer, were born of this union. Survivors include his wife Patricia; daughters, JoEllen Urmston Yarosh and her husband Ken Yarosh of Midland, Michigan, and Jennifer Urmston of Newport Beach, California; son-in-law Robert Hutzelman of West Chester; grandchildren Rob Hutzelman and wife Tonye of Cincinnati, David Hutzelman and Anne Hutzelman of West Chester, and Joseph and Jack Yarosh of Michigan. David is also survived by his brother-in-law, Robert Burns, his sister-in-law, Mary Spoerl, nephews Robert Burns and wife Tammie, Thomas Boyd and wife Louise, Timothy Spoerl and wife Sandra, nieces Barbara Burns Sergent, and Tricia Murphy and husband Bradford. Besides his first wife and daughter, David was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Dorothy Urmston Boyd and Louise Urmston Green and two nephews Frederick and Peter Green. David graduated from Hamilton High School in 1940 and attended The Ohio State University where he was affiliated with Phi Delta Theta, social fraternity. In addition to managing the

family farm, he was instrumental in organizing and working on many agricultural projects and organizations. In 1968 President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed him to the Ohio Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. In that position he helped oversee 26 federal programs. Governor John H. Gilligan appointed him Deputy Director of The Ohio Department of Agriculture on February 1, 1971. He served in that capacity for four years. When he returned to Liberty Township, following the four years in Columbus, he became associated with Abercrombie Agricultural Service, Inc., later known as Agricultural Land Consultants, Inc.. He continued farming until 1996. David was a member and leader of 4-H, director and president of Butler County Farm Bureau, member of the Farmers Union, organizer and director of Ohio Producers Livestock Association of Eaton, director of the Ohio Wool Growers Association, president of Butler County Soil and Water Supervisors, president of Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission, and member of the Butler County Conservancy District. David was also director of Boy Scouts of America, on the United Appeals Board, Mercy Hospital Advisory Board, president of the Butler County Auto Club, president of the Butler County Park Board, and member of BPOE #93. He served as treasurer and in 1966 was elected chairman of the Butler County Democratic Party. He was a former elder of the Front Street Presbyterian Church. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 7 at Weigel Funeral Home, 980 N.W. Washington Blvd. followed by a service at 11:00 A.M., conducted by The Rev. Kevin Jud, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery. Weigel Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. The family suggests that those who wish to do so may direct memorials to the Hamilton Community Foundation, 319 N. Third St. Hamilton, Ohio 45011.