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Emmett Gaylord Rothchild

JEWELL-----Emmett Gaylord Rothchild, 98, of Jewell and formerly of Webber, KS, died March 28, 2016 in Belleville. He was born to Emmett and Ruth (Stansbury) Rothchild on July 30, 1917 on a farm near Montrose, KS.

In his early years he attended Rose Hill School at present-day Lovewell Lake and graduated from Webber High School in 1939. He then attended welding school in Omaha, NE before being drafted into the United States Army to serve in World War II. He was stationed in the Philippines and New Guinea. After the war, Gaylord married his high school sweetheart Iva Marie Sisson on April 11, 1943. One child was born to this union, Martha Ann (Rothchild) Matthews.

He farmed and raised livestock in Jewell County for over 50 years, was a member of the Webber United Methodist Church and past member of the VFW Post #3355 in Superior, NE. He and Iva valued family above all and also enjoyed playing cards with friends and dancing.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Naomi Kerl, Doris Godsey, and Gwendolyn Shearer, and three brothers, Delbert, Dale, and Norman Rothchild.

He is survived by daughter Martha Matthews of Jewell, KS; granddaughters Laura Gatza and husband Brent of Olathe, KS, Lanae Davis and husband Jason of Broomfield, CO and Amanda Matthews of Jewell, KS; and five great-grandchildren Brody Gatza, Lyla Gatza, Meadow Davis, Kash Davis and Ava Cross.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, Jewell, KS. Interment will be at 1:30 p.m. at Webber Cemetery, Webber, KS. Memorials may be made to the John Matthews Scholarship Fund at North Central Kansas Technical College, Beloit, KS.

Kleppinger Funeral Home, Jewell, KS is in charge of arrangements.