Roy Gast
By Les Bakke

Roy Norman Gast was born January 6, 1910 the son of August Jr. and Bertha Knitter Gast in Marshall County, Minnesota.

Roy attended Fairview School in Ellerth and grew to manhood in Marsh Grove township. Roy farmed all his working life in Marsh Grove. Roy also worked for the ASCS office in Warren, Minnesota. Roy served on the Newfolden Elevator board and was treasurer of the Bethesda Lutheran Church. Roy never married. Roy died February 10, 1991 at the Warren Hospital of congestive heart failure and influenza. Roy is buried in Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery, Marsh Grove township.

Les Bakke remembers Roy as a kind and generous uncle. Each Christmas, Roy would bring a large box of candy to Les and Larry Bakke. During the years, Roy would bring small presents to his nephews. In the mid-1950s Roy brought two guns, one for Les and one for Larry. One was a shotgun, perhaps a 4-10 and the other was a 22. Thinking back on the times, we were much too young to appreciate the value of the guns and did not treat them well.