

The Life Story of --

CHESTER F. JOHNSON, 73

Chester Francis Johnson, son of Raymond and Anna Arentsen Johnson, was born Oct. 27, 1901 on a farm in Monroe township in Shelby county. He attended school and grew to adulthood in this community. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital on Dec. 26, 1974, at age of 73 years, 1 month and 29 days. On Sept. 5, 1928 he married Hertha Jacobs at her family home in Monroe township. Two children were born to this union. Mr and Mrs Johnson were privileged to celebrate their 46th wedding anniversary this past September. After their marriage, they farmed in the Walnut, Harlan and Jacksonville areas. In 1962 they moved to their present home in Harlan. Mr Johnson was baptized and confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran church in Walnut, as a young man. In 1955 he transferred his membership to the Bethlehem Lutheran church in Jacksonville and in 1972 he became a member of Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers - Clarence and Harold Johnson. Mr Johnson is survived by his wife, Hertha; his son - Orlin D. Johnson of Omaha, Nebr.; his daughter - Ruth Ann (Mrs Gary Lorenzen) of West Des Moines and by ten grandchildren; by one brother - Clifford Johnson of Walnut; by his nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 30, 1974 at the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan with Clifford H. Nelson, Pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with John K. Haas, Lewis Kolb, Kenneth Hess, David Stewart, Donald Doonan, Gaylord Doonan and Clifford Boysen serving as pallbearers.
