

Carl Oldehof, 88

Walnut — Carl Oldehof, son of Henry and Sophia Oldehof was born at Syke, Germany on Sept. 1, 1893 and died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Tuesday, April 27, 1982 at the age of 88 years.

He came to this country alone in 1905 at the age of 12 to live with cousins at Marcus. He married Mary Margaret Petersen in Co. Bluffs on Nov. 27, 1918, and they moved to Walnut in 1936. They operated a plumbing and pump shop for more than 30 years before retiring. They were members of Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut.

Mrs Oldehof died Aug. 17, 1980, and he lived at Peace Haven a few months before his last illness at the Avoca Care Center and the hospital.

Surviving are a son, Alfred of Sioux Falls, S.D.; two daughters, Mrs George (Evelyn) Mertz of Walnut and Mrs Charles (La Vonne) Bower of Lincoln; nine grandchildren, Alan Oldehof of Sioux Falls, S.D., Kennard Mertz of Avoca; Dennis Mertz of Grand Island, Neb., Randy Mertz of rural Walnut and Gregory Mertz at home; Gerald Bower of Lincoln, David Bower of N.M., Mrs Susan Budler of Lincoln and Mrs Jack Flaherty of Lincoln and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 30 at Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut with the Rev. Bruno Romanowski officiating. Bearers were grandsons Alan Oldehof, Dennis Mertz, Jerry Bower, Kennard Mertz, Randy Mertz and David Bower.

Burial was in the Walnut cemetery.

Herman Oldenburg, 83

Herman William Oldenburg, son of Herman and Emma Koplting Oldenburg was born July 23, 1899 in Altamont, Ill. His mother died when he was very young and his father married August Beccue who raised him.

He came to this area in the mid 1920's. He married Gertrude Wendt on Jan. 18, 1930 in Avoca. He farmed in the Avoca area until 1964 when he moved into town. He moved to Harlan to be near his son, Dean, in 1973. Mrs Oldenburg died Feb. 4, 1979.

He became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in 1980. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran church. He died Friday, Jan. 28, 1983 at the Myrtue Memorial hospital at the age of 83.

He was preceded in death by parents, his wife, four brothers, Arnold, Harry, Rby and Willie, two sisters, Edna Hastings and Rose Adams. Survivors include one son, Dean, of Harlan; one daughter, Donna (Mrs Russell) Knuth of DeSoto; three grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs Elmer (Julia) Wendling and Mrs Kenneth (Nora) Matlock both of Altamont, Ill.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 31, 1983 at the Trinity Lutheran church in Avoca with Pastor Harold Peterson officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca with Eugene Wendt, Lauren Leaders, Jerry Hansen, Robert Wendt, Dennis Jacobsen and Lawrence Rasmussen serving as casketbearers.