



Herbert J. Thordsen, 82

Persia — Herbert Julius Thordsen, son of Hans F. and Mary (Goss) Thordsen, was born on a farm in Pottawattamie county near Neola on Dec. 20, 1894. He died in Mercy hospital in Co. Bluffs on Nov. 20, 1977, at age 82 years and 11 months. As a young child, he moved with his parents to Persia, where he attended school and grew to adulthood:

Mr Thordsen served in the Army during WWI. He spent a year in France serving in five different fronts, including the Argonne Forest. After receiving his honorable discharge, he returned to Persia.

On Sept. 17, 1919, he married Lennie Alma Kemmish at her parent's home five miles west of Persia. Three sons were born to this union. Even though these three children were lost to them in infancy, Mr and Mrs Thordsen contributed greatly to their own family life by caring for and holding dear, two nieces, Sharon (Mrs Jerry McIntosh) and Murlene (Mrs LaVern Wilson). After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Thordsen farmed near Persia for almost 20 years. In 1936 they moved into Persia where Herbert owned and operated a trucking line until 1948. He then engaged in carpenter work until 1971 when he was forced to retire after being injured in a car-truck accident. He remained in Persia until Nov. 8th of this year when he became a resident of the Westmont Care Center in Logan. This has been his home since that time. Mr Thordsen was a charter member of St. John's Lutheran church in Persia and was also a charter member of the Swanger Post No. 314, American Legion of Persia. He had received a gold 50-year membership pin and a WWI membership plate.

In addition to his parents and his sons, he was preceded in death by a brother, Arthur. His survivors include his wife, Lennie of Persia; Sharon McIntosh of Co. Bluffs, Murlene Wilson of Persia and many nieces and nephews, a sister, Erna (Mrs William Ramsey) of Persia, two brothers, Walter of Persia and Edgar of Co. Bluffs and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at St. John's Lutheran church in Persia on Tuesday, Nov. 22, 1977, with Pastor Marcus Aurelius, officiating. Burial was in Valley View cemetery in Persia with Jim Youmans, Duane Dollen, Robert Kuster, Richard Dollen, Donald E. Willard and Darrold Ingwersen serving as casketbearers.