



Ed Ahrenholtz, 89

Dec. 9, 1902 — June 4, 1992

DEFIANCE — Edwin Earl Ahrenholtz, the son of Henry and Matilda (Hulsebus) Ahrenholtz was born Dec. 9, 1902, on a farm near Defiance. He died June 4, 1992, at the Manning General Hospital, at age 89 years, five months and 26 days. He attended country school, and grew to adulthood on his parents' farm near Defiance.

Nov. 28, 1929, he married Ethel Marie Smith at Ed's home place south of Defiance. Six children were

born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Defiance until 1941, when they moved to a farm near Manilla. In 1966, they retired from farming and moved to Defiance. After the death of his wife April 8, 1980, he continued to reside in his own home until June of 1980, when he became a resident of the Manilla Manor. This was his home until the time of his death. In addition to being a member of the Defiance United Methodist Church, he was a member of the Farm Bureau Association and the Farm Service Co-Op.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Hazel Mae; and five brothers, Peter, Louis, Arthur, Walter, and Chester. Surviving are three daughters, Marcille (Wilton) Swires of Little Rock, AR.; Vera (Myron) Kempton of Chico, CA.; and Elaine (Estel) Grimm of Logan; two sons, Lyle (Ellen) Ahrenholtz of Omaha, NE.; and Kenneth (Beverly) Ahrenholtz of Manilla; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one sister, Grace (Harold) Bengé of Manilla; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 8, 1992, at the Defiance United Methodist Church with Rev. Walter Bernard, officiating. Burial was in the Union Twp. cemetery in Defiance with John Wells, Mark Kempton, Daniel Swires, Richard Higgins, Russell Higgins, and Kevin Ahrenholtz serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.