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James Thomas Andersen, 90

March 1, 1906 - April 6, 1996 ✓

HANCOCK - James Thomas Andersen was born March 1, 1906 on a farm in James Township west of Hancock to Danish immigrant parents, Andrew Chris (A.C.) and Christina Andersen. After completing the eighth grade in rural schools he worked as a farm hand and as a butter maker for Farmers Coop Creamery in Avoca.

He was united in marriage to Elsie Pingel, daughter of Henry and Anna Pingel of Avoca at the Little Brown Church Sept. 8, 1931. One son was born to this union. The family moved to the farm southeast of Hancock in 1941 where they farmed and lived into retirement. After she died in 1984, he moved to Peace Haven Home in Walnut where he lived until he was hospitalized a few weeks ago. He died April 6, 1996 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 90 years, one month and five days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Elsie; four brothers, Peter, Sam, Chris and Max; five sisters, Christina Bussee, Annie Torgersen; Margaret Wiese, Marie Andersen and Carrie Eggerss, and a grandson, Joel Andersen. He is survived by his son, Jim (Jan) Andersen of Co. Bluffs; two granddaughters; four great grandchildren and one sister, Elsie Chrisinger of St. Petersburg, FL; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 11, 1996 at the Hancock Methodist Church in Hancock with Pastor Judy Flaregin and Elder LeRoy Cave officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Russell Haworth, Kenneth Martin, Donald Scheffler, Hubert Zobrist, Tracy Howe and Duane Harrington. Casket bearers were Harold Hoffmann, Sr., Dale Krohn, Dennis Jacobsen, Sr., Robert Reimer, Ronald Kerber and Dennis Bliss. Burial was in the Oakhill Cemetery in Hancock. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.