

Albert J. Andersen, 83

March 2, 1916 - March 3, 1999

EXIRA - Albert Josef Andersen, son of Anders H. and Kristine Andersen Andersen, was born March 2, 1916, on his parents' farm in Hamlin Township, Audubon County, and died March 3, 1999, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, from injuries sustained in an auto accident at age 83 years and one day. He was baptized and confirmed at the Bethany Lutheran Church northeast of Kimballton. He attended rural School, Hamlin #4 in Hamlin Township. His father died when he was 10 1/2 years old. He operated the family farm for several years then rented a farm for a short time in Hamlin Township.

Feb. 25, 1939, he married Lydia Vorm at the church parsonage in Clarion, and they have been married for 60 years. They farmed in Hamlin and Sharon Townships until they purchased their farm southeast of Elk Horn. They continued farming until he retired. He was a lifelong member of the Bethany Lutheran Church where he had served on the church board and had held the office of president. They were Luther League sponsors and he was a 4-H leader for many years. They danced with several couples who would visit the Friendship Home, Exira Care Center and several area nursing homes.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his sister, Egidia Andersen; and infant sister, Karen Andersen; and his brother-in-law, Leonard Vorm. Survivors include his wife, Lydia Andersen of Exira; his children and spouses, Ronald (Charlotte) Andersen of Washington, IA and Carol (Keith) Hartvigsen of Blair, NE; his grandchildren, Kristin (Russ) Blessman of Ottumwa; Kent Andersen of Greeley, CO; Troy Hartvigsen of Blair and Nicole Hartvigsen of Omaha; his great grandchildren, Brandon and Devon Blessman both of Ottumwa; his brother, Franklin (Margaret) Andersen of Exira; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Emmert Andersen of Exira, Vera Vorm of Des Moines, Leslie and Lorene Vorm of Atlantic and Delbert and Leanna Killen of Brayton; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by The Reverend Dr. Klaus Raab March 8, 1999, at Bethany Lutheran Church northeast of Kimballton. Burial was in the Bethany Cemetery with Gary Killen, Dale Killen, Bruce Vorm, Ken Vorm, Tim Vorm, David Vorm, Steve Vorm, Don Knudsen and Curt Andersen casket bearers. Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon in charge of arrangements.