

Manuel Andersen, 88

Oct. 30, 1914 - Jan. 22, 2003

MANILLA - Manuel Andersen, son of Chris and Vernal McMurphy Andersen, was born Oct. 30, 1914, on his parents' farm west of Audubon, in Douglas Township. He was baptized and confirmed at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon. He attended rural school, Douglas No. 3, in Audubon County, then helped his father operate their farm.

July 11, 1935, he married Velmo Graham at the Presbyterian Parsonage in Vail. Five daughters were born to this union. Manuel operated the farm in Douglas Township and also operated their farm in Lincoln Township until they retired in 1979. In the fall of 1979, they purchased a home in Manilla. He lived at home until he moved to the Manilla Manor in January of 2000. He was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon and a member of the Farm Bureau. He died Jan. 22, 2003, at the Manning Regional Healthcare Center at age 88 years, two months and 22 days.

Preceding him in death were his son-in-law, Frank Krueger; his parents; his parents-in-law, Lloyd and Minerva Graham; and his sister and husband, Lorene and Elmer Mortensen. Survivors include his wife, Velma Andersen of Manilla; his children, Jean (Wayne) Sander of New Hampton; Evelyn Turk of Johnston; Kay Krueger of Sioux City; Leah (Don) Peters of Ralston, NE; Betty (Daryl) Bentson of Omaha, NE; his grandchildren and great grandchildren, Keely and Don Mutherthies of Lawler and their children, Bryan, Jason, Emily, Jeremy and Amanda; Mitch and Joni Turk of Omaha, NE and their children, Michelle, Danny, Adam, Zachary; Mike and Deb Turk of Bondurant and their sons, Jon and Sam; Karl and Joann Sander of Adel and their sons, Wesley, Wayne and Grant; Kevin Sander of Minburn; Matt Turk of Des Moines; Jodi Krueger of Sioux City; Susan Krueger of Sioux City; Melisa and Chris DeWitt of Omaha, NE and their daughters, Haley and Emma; Ashley Peters of Ralston, NE; his sister, Ethel Nelson of Audubon; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Mrs. Barbara Christensen Jan. 26, 2003, at the Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon. Burial was in the Arlington Heights Cemetery in Audubon. Honorary casket bearers were Kelly Mutherthies, Jodi Krueger, Susan Krueger, Melisa DeWitt and Ashley Peters. Casket bearers were Mitch Turk, Mike Turk, Matt Turk, Karl Sander, Kevin Sander, Don Mutherthies and Chris DeWitt.