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Kenneth Best, 79

WALNUT - Kenneth Marvin Best was born in Shelby Co., on Jan. 13, 1910. He was the son of Charley and Julia Coker Best. He was one of four children in the family. He attended country school in Shelby Co. He farmed in the Shelby and Minden areas for many years.

He married Elsie Koll Randolph Nov. 29, 1953 in Avoca. In 1954, they moved to the Walnut area where he was engaged in farming. He retired from farming in 1972 and they moved into Walnut. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut.

He died Dec. 17, 1989 at Cass Co. Memorial Hospital in Atlantic at age 79 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Donal. His survivors are his wife, Elsie; two step-children, Henrietta Read of Springfield, MA., and Donald Randolph of Independence, MO.; five step-grandchildren; twelve step-great-grandchildren; three step-great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Arden (Sam) Best of Shelby; one sister, Hazel Langer of Kansas City, MO., nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held at First Presbyterian Church, Walnut, on Dec. 20, 1989 with Rev. Harvey Beach, officiating. Casketbearers were Tim Zimmerman, Robert Zimmerman, Floyd Williams, Elvin Breach, Henry Roller and Dennis Phillips. Burial was in Walnut cemetery.