

Day Raymond Bramer, 86

Oct. 25, 1913 – June 28, 2000

HARLAN – Day Raymond Bramer, son of Henry E. and Anna Marie (Christiansen) Bramer, was born Oct. 25, 1913, in rural Jacksonville, the youngest of 14 children. He attended Jackson No. 8 School through the eighth grade, and then worked for neighbors, caring for the horses and cattle, and helping make hay. As a teenager, he worked with a thrashing crew in North Dakota.

Jan. 22, 1934, he married Eleanor Thogerson in Elk Point, SD. After he and Eleanor married, he worked as a farmhand in the Shelby County, area for five years. He then rented and farmed land near Cuppy's Grove, and later near Tennant. In 1947, the couple purchased 162 acres of farmland located one-half mile east of Jacksonville. After farming for many years, they built a home in Harlan, and retired in 1977. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, where he had served on various church boards. He had been a member of the Elk Horn Saddle Club, and was a former Jacksonville School Board member. He died June 28, 2300, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 86 years, eight months and three days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; eight sisters, Lulu Bocken, Minnie Kuster, Margaret Hansen, Ella Sandoval, Anna Falk, Belle Maxfield, Alice Routeledge and Irma Lange; and five brothers, Gus Bramer, Henry Bramer, Walter Bramer, David Bramer and Ivan Bramer. Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Bramer of Harlan; three daughters, Beverly (Jim) Olesen of Bristol, IL; Deanna (Larry) Ruby of Mariottsville, MD and Pamela (Wesley) Andersen of Kennard, NE; two sons, Carol Bramer and his friend, Gail Rosenberg of Tampa, FL; and Raymond (Kathy) Bramer of Santa Rosa, CA; 12 grandchildren; ten great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 3, 2000, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Pastor Mary Lunde officiating. Casket bearers were Hank Whitney, Howard Jensen, Gail Lange, Jerald Wigness, Jerald Bramer and James Burmeister. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery in Jacksonville. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.