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William Jefferson Champlin, 92

Nov. 19, 1902 - Jan. 29, 1995

Persia - William Jefferson Champlin, 92, was born Nov. 19, 1902 at Yorkshire, son of Elam and Lena (Parker) Champlin, and was one of 10 children, three dying in infancy. He lived near Persia most of his life.

Jan. 24, 1929 he married Tina Weber of Logan. "Peely" as he was known by, owned and operated various businesses in the Persia area. In 1959 they moved to Co. Bluffs and Tina preceded him in death July 8, 1978.

Feb. 23, 1980, he married Bernice Lewis and they returned to Persia in 1983. He died Jan. 29, 1995 at Westmont Care Center in Logan.

He is survived by his wife Bernice, three daughters Delores (Don) Spracklin, Valley, NE; Donna (Dennis) McKean, Ralston, NE; Jeanne (Eugene) Bladt, Hamlin and one son, Butch V.L. (Lou) Miller, Persia; 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, one step-daughter Bonnie Render; one step-granddaughter and five step-great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Methodist Church with Leroy Cave officiating. Honorary casket bearers were: Alfred Smith, Don Jarvis, Vern Oloff, Larry Watson, Bill Stamp and Ray Parsons. Casket bearers were: Bill Fitzgerald, Veral Smith, Duane Kemmish, Darrell Fahrenkrog, Milton Watson and Bill Meister. Burial at Valley View cemetery near Persia. Schumacher Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.