

## John Emory Fredrickson, 90

Dec. 4, 1906 - Dec. 14, 1996

**ELK HORN** - John Emory Fredrickson, son of John F. and Bentena Hansen Fredrickson, was born Dec. 4, 1906, in Clay Township, Shelby County. He died at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn Dec. 14, 1996 at age 90. J. Emory, as he was known to his friends, was a graduate of the Elk Horn High School. He was engaged in farming and lived on the same farm where he was born until moving to Elk Horn in 1967 when he retired.

May 14, 1967, he married Edna Madsen Lange at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. They have lived in Elk Horn, except for many winters spent in Alamo, TX. As a hobby Emory enjoyed flying and piloted his own plane for 22 years. He was a Charter Member of the Iowa Flying Farmers organization. He was active in Farm Bureau serving on the board for many years, also in Soil Conservation work. He was one of the original incorporators of the Rural Electric Cooperative which later became known as the Nishnabotna REC. He served on the board for 24 years. He was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, a 50 year member and a past master of the Grove Masonic Lodge of Marne and a member and past patron of the Order of Eastern Star. He was an associate member of the Better Elk Horn Club and past member of the Shelby County Compensation Board.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Edwin C., Harry F. and Wilfred, who died in infancy. Survivors include his wife, Edna of Elk Horn; his stepdaughter, Lenore Frederiksen (Darrell) of Elk Horn; two step grandsons; two step great granddaughters; four sisters-in-law, Mildred Fredrickson, Elsie Weddum, Eleanor Sornson and Evelyn Madsen all of Elk Horn; one brother-in-law, Alvin Madsen (Arlene) of Grimes; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 17, 1996, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams and Pastor Stephen Gronseth officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Charles Kolb, Carl Bonnesen, Leo Behrens, Leo Kragelund and Arnold Petersen. Casket bearers were Walt Staiert, Melvin Jorgensen, Dale Frederiksen, LaVerne Smith, Dale Juelsgaard and Tim Frederiksen. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.