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Oliver Felker, 85

Sept. 1, 1917 - March 21, 2003

HANCOCK – Oliver Charles Felker was born Sept. 1, 1917, in Meriden, Jackson County, KS, the son of Horace W. and Hattie May Wells Felker, and was one of three children. He graduated from Hoyt High School, Hoyt, KS, in 1936, and attended Wichita Aviation School in Wichita, KS.

He married Donna Lee Williamson in Emporia, KS, Jan. 3, 1942. They were the parents of three girls, Virginia, Pat and Joyce, and son, David. They lived in the Nebraska area for some time, then moved to a farm near Hancock, in 1958. Oliver worked at the Martin Bomber plant in Bellevue, NE, during World War II. He was a farmer and cattlemen all his life. He was a member of the Hancock United Methodist Church and served on the school board, the Iowa and American Hereford Association and the Farm Bureau. He was also active in the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Shrine and York Rite, as well as the Nishna Botna Valley Shrine and Tangier Shrine. He died March 21, 2003, at the Villisca Good Samaritan Home, where he had lived since June, 2002, at age 85 years, six months and 20 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, David; his two sisters, Gladys, who died in infancy, and Velma Mae. He is survived by his wife, Donna, of Clarinda, and his children, Pat Schnitker (Don), also of Clarinda; Joyce Shiffer of Oakland; and Virginia Chadwell (Harold) of Columbus, NE; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 25, 2003, at the Pauley Knutson Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Judy Flanegin officiating. Burial was in the Sabetha City Cemetery, Sabetha, KS. Honorary casket bearers were Kenneth Martin, Steve Guyer, Bob Kixmiller, Jr., Vernon Karstens, Alan Maassen and Clifford Fischer. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.