

Herman W. Fischer, 97

July 22, 1903 – Sept. 29, 2000

MANNING – Herman William, son of Fred and Wilhelmina Duwe Fischer, was born July 22, 1903, in Lincoln Township, Audubon County. He was baptized into the Lutheran Faith in August of that year. He attended rural school for one year, then moved with his parents to Manning, when they retired. He attended Manning Schools through the eighth grade and then attended German school where he was confirmed in 1918. Following his schooling, he worked for seven years on the farm for his older brother, Henry.

During this time, Sept. 9, 1925, he married Ella Harder. Three children were born to this union. They farmed south of Manning for 43 years and then semi-retired in 1969, and moved into town. He continued to work cutting lawns and removing snow for his neighbors. At age 80 he finally retired from those part-time jobs. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. His wife died in 1994, and the next year Nov. 2, 1995, he became a resident of the Manning Plaza Nursing Home. He kept very active while in the Plaza. About two months before his death his health began to seriously decline. He died Sept. 29, 2000, at age 97 years, two months and seven days.

Besides his wife and parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Carl Fischer; grandson, Allan Fischer; and all of his sisters and brothers, Annie Ress, Dora Dammann, Ella Schade, Ida Dammann, August Fischer and Henry Fischer. He is survived by his son, Earl Fischer (Helen) of Harlan; daughter, Lois (Mike) Greder of Denison; six grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren; six great great grandchildren; and nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 2, 2000, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Manning, with Pastor Daniel Vogel officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Casket bearers were Ralph Greder, Dan Nelson, Brian Engleman, Corey Nelson, Douglas Fischer and Karla Dillard. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
