

Harlan, Iowa Tribune

Tuesday March 19, 1991, pg 1-B

Alvin Elmer Holtz, 76

Nov. 16, 1914 — March 2, 1991

AVOCA — Alvin Elmer Holtz was born on the family farm in Knox twp., Pottawattamie county, on Nov. 16, 1914. He was the son of Fred and Emma Ingwersen Holtz. He was one of 11 children in the family. He was baptized and confirmed in the First Lutheran Church in Avoca and is presently a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. He attended country school and the Avoca school.

He married Eleanor Pond. They were the parents of two children, Larry and Shirley. He married Vera Woltmann in Aug. of 1962. He farmed all of his working years. He retired from the farm and moved to town in 1977. He was a life member of the East Pottawattamie County Farm Bureau. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, March 2, 1991, at age 76 years, 3 months and 14 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Ella Rock, Frances Hodge and Leona Jorgensen. He is survived by his wife, Vera; two children, Leroy Holtz of Akron, OH., and Shirley (Stanley) Petersen of Omaha, NE.; four step-children, Phyllis (Wayne) Krohn of Avoca; Mariann (Roy) Plautz of Noblesville, IN.; JoAnn (Marty) Schuemann of Avoca and Kenneth Woltmann (Linda) of Avoca; three grandsons; 8 step-grandchildren and 11 step-great-grandchildren; seven brothers and sisters, Herbert Holtz of Avoca; Evelyn Nelsen of Avoca; Delno Holtz (Betty) of Avoca; Raymond Holtz (Marian) of Avoca; Fred Holtz (Arlene) of Avoca; Clarence Holtz (Betty Jean) of Avoca; Hazel (Orville) Krueger of Walnut; two brothers-in-law, Melvin Hodge of Marne, and Robert Jorgensen of Avoca; besides, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 5, 1991 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Pastor Dean Sudman and Mr Wayne Paulsen, Lay Assistant, officiating. Casketbearers were Dale Krohn, Dean Krohn, Mark Woltmann, Joel Petersen, Matthew Petersen and Michael Plautz. Burial was in Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.