

## **Herbert Henningsen, 86**

*March 19, 1913 – May 11, 1999* ✓

**AVOCA** – Herbert John Henningsen was born March 19, 1913, on a farm west of Avoca, son of John and Anna Thomsen Henningsen, and was one of three children in the family. He attended country school and then Avoca High School. He farmed all his life in the Avoca and Shelby area.

He married Thelma Dora Sievers March 10, 1937, in Co. Bluffs. They were the parents of one daughter, Mary Ann. In 1948, they purchased the family farm from his parents. Upon his retirement in 1974, they built a new home in Avoca. He was a lifelong member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. He died May 11, 1999, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 86 years, one month and 22 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Thelma; their daughter, Mary Ann Johnson of Murray, NE; two grandchildren, Scott Johnson (Donna) and their sons, Nolan and Alan of Omaha, and Daniel Johnson (Jacqueline) and their daughter, Dana, of Lincoln, NE; two sisters, Clara Goetsch and Della Sievers, both of Walnut, and other relatives and two special people, Larry and Christa Kerns of Avoca.

Funeral services were held May 14, 1999, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Paul Bengtson and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Norman Woltmann, David Price, Wilbert Brown, Harry Wendt and Ervin Koos. Casket bearers were Larry Kern, Clarence Harder, Bernard Cerny, Kenneth Woltmann, Steve Denton, Jim Kardell and Lee Manz. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.