

Edward Holst, 86 ✓

Dec. 9, 1916 - Jan. 10, 2003

WALNUT – Edward John Holst was born Dec. 9, 1916, in Shelby County, the son of Henry and Doris Plagman Holst, and was one of five children. He attended school at Shelby and graduated with the class of 1934.

He married Luella Carrie Arentsen March 16, 1938. They were the parents of three children, Robert, Wayne and Janis. They were engaged in farming three years near Shelby, and then moved to the Arentsen family farm north of Walnut. He was a former member of the Peace Haven Board, a 4-H leader for many years, and was active in the Farm Bureau. He was a 50 year member of the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut. Edward died at Myrtle Memorial Hospital Jan. 20, 2003, at age 86 years, one month and 11 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Luella; his sisters, Elva Jave and Margaret Piittmann; and two brothers-in-law. He is survived by his sons, Robert (Linda) of Walnut and Wayne (Barbara) of Mesa, AZ; daughter, Janis (Marlin) Thompson of Harlan; two sisters, Edna Thomsen of Avoca and Gladys Kielley of Sanger, CA; five grandchildren, Lori and Andy Blum of Marne; Lisa and Jim Wissler of Wall Lake; Eric and Heather Holst of Gilbert, AZ; Ryan and Amanda Thompson of Blair, NE; Rick Thompson of Cedar Falls and his fiancée, Cheri Leuschen; seven great grandchildren, Holli, Steven and Scott Blum; Joel, Justin and Jared Wissler; and Morgan Thompson; a special friend, Twyla Schnack of Harlan; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 23, 2003, at the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut, with Pastor Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Andy Blum, Jim Wissler, Ryan Thompson, Rick Thompson, Eric Holst and Dalman Piittmann. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.