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## Clifford Johnson, 85

**WALNUT** - Clifford Magnus Johnson was born in Shelby County near Walnut, March 13, 1904. He was the son of Ray and Anna Arentsen Johnson. He was one of five children in the family. He attended country school in Shelby Co. Following his schooling he farmed with his father on the family farm.

He married Blanche Briggs of Avoca on May 1, 1930 at Atlantic. They lived in several communities in southwest Iowa. For several years they lived in Elk Horn, where he worked from 1941 to 1952 in his father's meat market and for several years he worked for Blue Star in Atlantic. The Blue Star plant was destroyed by fire and in 1959 they moved to Walnut and he retired because of his poor health. They were the parents of five children. He died at the Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, Dec. 30, 1989 at age 85 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Darrell Leo; one sister as an infant and three brothers, Chester, Clarence and Harold. Survivors include his wife Blanche; their four children; Clifford Johnson of Ogden; Shirley (Otto) Faaborg of Nevada, IA.; Ruby (Levi) Ackart of Apple Valley, CA.; and Dale Johnson of Van Buren, AK.; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held Jan. 1, 1990 at Knutsen Funeral Home, Walnut, with Dr. Robert Houser, officiating. Casketbearers were Kenneth Suhr, Charles Walter, Brett Fell, Terry Suhr, Dennis Frederickson and Russell Lehnhardt. Burial was in Walnut cemetery.