

## Robert Janssen, 90

*Aug. 30, 1913 - May 19, 2004*

**WOODBINE** – Robert Rawleigh Janssen was born Aug. 30, 1913, in Persia, to Hillert and Jane (Harms) Janssen. He grew up in the Persia area and attended the Yorkshire school.

Oct. 13, 1934, he married Alvira Gramkow. The couple farmed in the Persia and Portsmouth areas. They retired from farming in 1970, and moved to Woodbine in November of 1978. He died May 19, 2004, at his home in Woodbine, at age 90 years, eight months and 18 days.

Bob and preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Alden and John Janssen; and one sister, Elizabeth Johansen. He is survived by Alvira, his wife of nearly 70 years; two daughters, Beverly (Merle) Phillips of Atlantic; LaVonne (Wayne) Miller of Persia; son, Dr. Gary Janssen (Dawn) of Indianola; six granddaughters; 10 great-grandchildren; two step grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren; sister, Alma Dau of Chadron, NE; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 22, 2004, at Fouts Funeral Home with Elder LeRoy Cave officiating. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery in Persia. Casket bearers were Teresa Phillips, Pamela Rairdin, Lori Stewart, Kristine Hraha, Debra Ingwersen, Marilyn Burke and Kira Helvig.