

## Orval H. Kracht, 82

Feb. 2, 1910 — Dec. 15, 1992

**DENISON** — Orval H. Kracht was born Feb. 2, 1910, son of Amandus and Agnes Schelldorf Kracht. He died Dec. 15, 1992 at Eventide Lutheran Home in Denison, at age 82 years. Sam, as he was known, was born in Westside. He was baptized in Christ Dec. 12, 1910 and confirmed July 1, 1928 at St. John's Evangelical Church in Westside. He received his education in the Westside Community Schools and graduated from high school in Westside in 1927. After receiving his education, he drove a school bus.

He married Helen Boeck March 26, 1932 at Elk Point, S.D. They returned to Crawford county where they were blessed with the birth of six children. They farmed south of Denison, had his own oil tanker truck and trucked for Farm Service. Additionally, he drove a truck for Western State Wholesale Groceries. In 1936 he became employed at the Denison Auto where he worked for 21 years. He subsequently became self employed with his son, Stan, in an automotive body repair shop from 1957 until his retirement in 1978. She was active in community affairs and was chairman of the air port board when it was organized and was active in the Scouting, and Band Boosters. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran church in Denison. He played the guitar and banjo and was a member of a band for several years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Richard in 1965; one great-granddaughter, Jennifer Wulf and two brothers, Harold and Ivan. Survivors include his wife, Helen of Denison; one son, Stan (Beverly) of Denison; and four daughters, Peggy Magden (Jim) of Venice, FL.; Roberta Borkowski (Gene) of Irwin; Sandra Brownlee (Jerry) of Ida Grove; and Marsha Kracht of Houston, TX.; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Laverna Livingston of Olympia, WA.; Ruth Ossenkop of Denison; and 1 brother, Robert (Rowene) of Carroll.

Funeral services were held Dec. 18, 1992, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Denison with Pastor Kurt Kaiser and Pastor Philip E. Block, officiating. Burial was in the Crawford Heights Memory Gardens in Denison. Casketbearers were Thomas J. Finley, Kevin Borkowski, Wayne Magden, Joel Brownlee, Rodney Brownlee, David Borkowski, Steve Borkowski, and Terry Magden. Huebner and Son's Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.