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Delbert C. Leslie, 80

Sept. 17, 1913 - June 29, 1994

Co. Bluffs - Delbert Carl Leslie was born in Avoca Sept. 17, 1913, the son of Daniel and Emma Hipnar Leslie. He was one of four children in the family. He attended school in Avoca until he was big enough to begin working on the railroad:

He married Leone Densmore Jan. 5, 1935 at Harlan. They made their home in Avoca and were the parents of four children. She died June 6, 1964. He married Leona Mann March 3, 1973 at Avoca. The past 21 years they have made their home in Co. Bluffs. He was a member of the United Church of Avoca. He had been in failing health the past year. The past 10 days he had been a resident of the Indian Hills Nursing Center in Co. Bluffs, where he died June 29, 1994 at age 80 years, 9 months and 12 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Leone, one son, Dennis, one granddaughter, Doreen Pieken, one great-grandson, Chad Sevey, two brothers: Fred and Alvin, sister Florence Tiedt. He is survived by his wife, Leona of Co. Bluffs, a daughter, Marlene (Donald) Renfeld of Avoca, two sons; Larry Leslie (Sharon) and Russell Leslie (Suzanne) all living in Co. Bluffs, one step-daughter, Maria (David) Miller of LaVista, NE, 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 2, 1994 at the Knutson Funeral Home with Pastor Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were: Adam Pieken, Brian Grace, Cory Leslie, Richie Hemmingsen, Schuyler Kiesel and Derek Renfeld. Casket bearers were: Dean Renfeld, Gale Kiesel, Richard Hemmingsen, Josh Funkhouser, Joe Miller and Chris Miller. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.