

Harold Larsen, 89

Feb. 3, 1913 – May 2, 2002

AUDUBON – Harold D. Larsen, son of Andrew C. and Matilda Otzen Larsen, was born Feb. 3, 1913, on his parents' farm near Poplar. He attended rural schools near Poplar. He then helped several different farmers in the Audubon County area.

June 1, 1935, he married Viola B. Harrison in Council Bluffs. Two daughters, Violet and Donna, were born to this union. Harold worked for other farmers until they moved to Coon Rapids. They owned and operated the Corner Café for several years. They sold the restaurant and moved to Harlan, where he was employed as a lineman for Harlan Municipal Utilities for 12 years. They purchased the Wee Wash It Laundry which they operated until 1968, then sold the laundry and moved to Audubon. During their retirement, they spent their winters in Texas for about 5 years. Due to failing health, they moved to the Friendship Home in February of 2001. Viola died March 7, 2002. Harold was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon. He died May 2, 2002, at the Friendship Home in Audubon, at age 89 years, two months and 29 days.

Preceding him in death in addition to his wife were his parents; his brothers and sisters, Elmer Larsen, Lawrence Larsen, Viola and George Vincent, Leona Rees, and his brother-in-law, Albert Kopaska. Survivors include his daughters, Violet (Ron) Hansen of Lincoln, NE and Donna (Bob) Weis) of Harlan; his grandchildren, Kim (Bill) Booth of New York; David (Andrea) Hansen of Rhode Island; Michelle (Tim) Stortz of Kansas; Jennifer (Jon) Borgman of Harlan; Angie Rust of Carroll; Jim Weis and Mike Weis of Harlan; his great grandchildren, Emily Booth and Spencer Booth; Brielle Hansen and Hunter Hansen; Chandler Stortz and Paige Stortz; Ashley Rust; Justina Borgman; his sister, Helen Kopaska of Adair; his sisters-in-law, Edna Larsen of Audubon and Gladys Larsen of Coon Rapids; Ruby (Allen) Christensen of Anita; Velma Clausen of Wyoming; Ruth Harrison of Anita; his brother-in-law, Maynard Rees of Coon Rapids; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Walter J. Kukkonen May 6, 2002, at the Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon. Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Audubon. Honorary casket bearers were John Knudsen, LaVerne Larsen, Donald Vincent, Jack Twist, Walter Boldt and Richard Watson. Casket bearers were Rodney Watson, Kenneth Harrison, Alan Kopaska, Gary Mueller, Ron Denney and Donald Heller.
