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Herbert Larsen, 86

March 31, 1917 - April 22, 2003

KIMBALLTON – Herbert Burton Larsen, the son of Claus J. and Ellen Marie Lauritzen Larsen, was born March 31, 1917, at his parents' home near Casey. He was baptized and confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church northeast of Kimballton. He attended rural schools near Kimballton, then helped operate the family farm.

Jan. 7, 1940, he married Regina S. Mortensen at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. They operated Herbert's family farm, which became a century farm in 1984, until they retired in the late 1980's. They continued to live on the farm until they moved into Kimballton in 1998. Regina died Feb. 26, 1998. Herbert maintained his home until he moved to the Friendship Home in Audubon in December of 2002. He was an active member of the Bethany Lutheran Church. He died April 22, 2003, at the Friendship Home in Audubon, at age 86 years and 21 days.

Preceding him in death in addition to his wife were his parents; his sister and brother, Lillian and husband, James Woodruff, and Edward and wife, Lela Larsen; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Elmer and wife, Lorena Petersen, Vern Jensen, Bork Kjergaard, Sine and husband, Russell Jensen, and Elizabeth Larsen. Survivors include his sister, Edna Kjergaard of Audubon; his brother, Chester Larsen of Littleton, CO; his sister-in-law, Beulah Jensen of Audubon; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor John Swenson April 25, 2003, at the Bethany Lutheran Church northeast of Kimballton. Burial was in the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Bill and Vera Bennett, Charles Saltmarsh and Virgil and Rhonda Jensen. Casket bearers were Jerry Jensen, Robert Jensen, Jim Kjergaard, Paul Petersen, Robert Sorensen, Herb Larsen and Charles Larsen. Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon in charge of arrangements.