



Walter Donald Maassen, 79

March 31, 1916 - Oct. 5, 1995

Walnut - Walter Donald Maassen was born on the family farm south of Avoca March 31, 1916. He was the fourth child of Julius and Sena Andersen Maassen. He attended Valley No. 2 country school and Avoca High School along with helping on the farm.

He married Gladys Stewart Feb. 18, 1939 at Des Moines. They farmed south of Walnut for two years, then moved to a farm north of Marne, where they farmed for nine years before they bought their farm southwest of Walnut. They were the parents of three

daughters, Marlene, Sheryl and Nancy. He served as a trustee for Layton Township for several years. She died Dec. 17, 1982. In 1989 he moved from the farm to the Villa Apartments in Avoca, later moving to the Peace Haven Retirement Home and then to the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn where he died Oct. 5, 1995 at age 79 years, 6 months and 5 days.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents; one daughter, Sheryl Madsen; one sister, Orpha Stamp; five brothers, Dale, Howard, Curtis, Ralph and Gerald. He is survived by his two daughters, Marlene (Duane) Christensen of Harlan and Nancy (Keith) Madsen of Elk Horn; a son-in-law, Terry Madsen (Deborah) of Elk Horn; 6 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; one sister, Joan Andersen of Atlantic; three brothers, Francis Maassen of Walnut, John Maassen (Maxine) of Avoca and Willis Maassen (Betty) also of Avoca; two brothers-in-law, Raymond Stamp and Walter Stewart; three sisters-in-law, Geneva Maassen, Jeannette Maassen and Betty Maassen, besides many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 7, 1995 at the Knutson Funeral Chapel, Avoca with Rev. Gerald Oliver officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Dean Madsen, Craig Christensen, Brent Madsen, Clark Madsen, Michelle Selken, Greg Madsen and Paul Selken. Casket bearers were Dale Maassen, Alan Maassen, Dale Peters, Ted Andersen, Bruce Maassen and Dennis Book.