



Jerome Arthur Messerschmidt, 71

Oct. 25, 1922 - March 10, 1994

Neola — Jerome Arthur Messerschmidt was born near Minden, Oct. 25, 1922. He was the son of Richard and Katherine Lustgraaf Messerschmidt, the second of four children.

He married Esther Rock Dec. 15, 1945 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca. They were the parents of two daughters, Paula and Patricia; and four sons, Steven, Stanley, Stewart and Sidney. Farming all

their lives, they first made their home east of Shelby,, then north of Avoca, later moving just south of Portsmouth. They moved west of Shelby living there for 30 years before moving to their farm southeast of Neola. He died while working at Shelby March 10, 1994 at age 71 years, 4 months and 13 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son Sidney and a sister, Alice Hoffman. He is survived by his wife, Esther, two daughters; Paula (Andy) Heck of Neola and Patricia (Jim) Kroll of Co. Bluffs, three sons; Steven Messerschmidt of Raytown, MO, Stanley Messerschmidt (Sue) of Oakland and Stewart Messerschmidt (Trudy) of Minden, 15 grandchildren, two step grandchildren, two sisters; Louise Donohue of Mount Angel, OR and Betty (Verne) Elliott of Co. Bluffs and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 14, 1994 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Neola with Father Wayne Gubbels, Father Phillip Kruse, Father Paul Monahan and Father James Chiaro officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery, Avoca. Honorary casket bearer was Ryan Messerschmidt. Casket bearers were: Jeremy Kroll, Scott Fuchser, Andrew Messerschmidt, Delmon Zimmerman, Gary Alpen, Daniel Rock, Terry Donahue and William Hoffman. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.