

Martin J. Nielsen, 71

July 2, 1920 — March 6, 1992

AUDUBON — Martin J. Nielsen, son of Jens K. and Caroline Anderson Nielsen, was born July 2, 1920 in Shelby County, and died March 6, 1992 at the Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 71 years, 8 months and 4 days. He was baptized and confirmed as an adult at the Exira Lutheran Church. He attended rural school at Polk #7 in Shelby county. He then helped operate the family farm, did masonry work, and drove a stock and grain truck for Andersen Brothers from Poplar.

July 6, 1941 he married Bertha Mae Hansen in Maryville, MO. They were employed as a farm hand and housekeeper for Chris Winther, west of Audubon, for a short time. They then moved to his parents farm in Fiscus. They farmed near Kimballton, Exira, Guthrie county and Viola twp. in Audubon county. He also drove a school bus for the Viola Center Schools. They continued farming until they moved to their present home in Audubon in 1964. He then was employed at Green Bay and United Bldg. Center lumber companies for 17 years until he retired in 1981 due to health reasons. He was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his brothers-in-law, Virgil Jaszarowski and Roland Hansen; his father-in-law, Chris W. Hansen; and his sister-in-law, Rosemary Hansen. Survivors include his wife, Bertha Mae Nielsen of Audubon; his children and their spouses, Marcia (Gordon) Lange; Dona (Tom) Garber, all of Audubon; and Steven (Ann) Nielsen of Waverly; 5 grandchildren; his brother and sisters, Margaret Jaszarowski of Bellflower, CA.; Wilma (Bill) Kivett of Edgar Springs, MO.; Russell (Mary Jane) Nielsen of Atlantic; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Milo (Mardell) Hansen of Exira; Florence (Joe) Staub of Audubon; his mother-in-law, Emma M. Hansen of Audubon; his uncle, H. LaVern (Elizabeth) Anderson of Audubon; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Carl Hansen March 10, 1992, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon. Burial was in the Maple Grove cemetery in Audubon. Honorary casketbearers were Earl Andersen, Elmer Dreier, Emmert Jensen, Paul McKeane, Gerald Nelson, and P.H. Radden. Casketbearers were Jim Jorgensen, LeRoy Larsen, Albert Meiners, Roy Mortensen, Russell Petersen, and Wesley Peterson.