

## Marion L. Olsen, 84

*March 27, 1915 – Aug. 15, 1999*

**AUDUBON** – Marion LeRoy Olsen, son of Lawrence and Stena Willadsen Olsen, was born March 27, 1915, on his parents' farm in Shelby County and died Aug. 15, 1999, at the Friendship Home in Audubon, at age 84 years, four months and 18 days. He was baptized at the Merrill's Grove Baptist Church. He attended rural school in Shelby County, then operated the family farm with his father.

June 25, 1943, he married Evelyn H. Nelson at Merrill's Grove Baptist Church. They farmed the family farm in Shelby County until 1949. They then farmed in Audubon County until they retired in 1988. In 1995 they moved to their present home in Audubon. He became a resident of the Friendship Home in Audubon July 25, 1998. He had been a longtime member of the Merrill's Grove Baptist Church. He sang in the choir and in his earlier years in a male quartet. He had been a member of the First Baptist Church in Elk Horn, since 1987. He was also a member of the Farm Bureau.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his sisters and their spouses, Ruby and Otis Wittrup, Gladys and Aage Andersen, Vera Mae and George Thompsen; his brothers-in-law, Gunner Ehn and Glen Deyo; one nephew and one niece. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Olsen of Audubon; his children, Gary (Jan) Olsen of Audubon; Kay (Jeff) Hansen of Yorkville, IL; his grandchildren, Robert Olsen of Peoria, IL; Douglas and Nichole Olsen of Audubon; Cory and Rachel Hansen of Elburn, IL; Kevin Hansen and Kelli Hansen, both of Yorkville; his great granddaughter, Claire Olsen of Audubon; his sisters, Goldie Deyo of Omaha; Pearl Ehn of Rogers, AR; June (Paul) Andersen of Bella Vista, AR; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Laverne (Mary) Nelson of Irwin; Herbert (Marjorie) Nelson of Elk Horn; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mike Marcum Aug. 17, 1999, at the Elk Horn Church. Burial was in Merrill's Grove Baptist Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Paul Anderson, Herbert Nelson, Laverne Nelson, Lowell Nelson, Merle H. Petersen and George Weber. Casket bearers were Robert Olsen, Douglas Olsen, Cory Hansen, Kevin Hansen, Michael Weber and Robert Weber. Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon in charge of arrangements.