

Wayne Paulsen, 83

Sept. 24, 1922 - Oct. 2, 2005

ATLANTIC — Wayne Lee Paulsen was born Sept. 24, 1922, northwest of Atlantic at the farm home of his parents, Orlie and Clara (Madsen) Paulsen. He was baptized in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and was confirmed as an adult at the Zion Lutheran Church in Atlantic. He attended the Brighton Township Country School near his home, through the eighth grade. He then started farming and raising livestock with his father until the time of his marriage when he moved to his own farm just north of his parents.

May 19, 1945, Wayne married Elsie Marie Dinkla at the home of Elsie's parents, Remmer and Bertha Dinkla, north of Massena. Together, the couple have lived on and farmed the same farm for 60 years. He was a longtime member of the Cass County Farm Bureau, was a Shelby County ASC Committee man for 26 years, a Danish Mutual Insurance Board member for 24 years and had served as director, vice-president and president. Wayne also was a Clay Township Trustee for 40 years, retiring from that capacity in 2003. As a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Atlantic, he served in various capacities for the congregation. He died Oct. 2, 2005 at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn at age 83.

Wayne was preceded in death by his daughter, Carol Ann Paulsen, who died at age 2 in 1949; his parents, Orlie in 1983 and Clara Paulsen in 1971, his parents-in-law, Remmer in 1950 and Bertha Dinkla in 1992; four brothers-in-law, Clarence Dinkla in 1947, Earl Dinkla in 1968, Elmer Dinkla in 2004 and Lawrence Mickelsen in 1998. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elsie of Atlantic; four daughters, Janet Petty (Harlan) of Knoxville; Verlee Koskovich of Colorado Springs, CO; Rita Petersen (Kevin) of Missouri Valley; Elaine Kerr (Bruce) of Carlisle; one son, Mark Paulsen (Jan) of Elk Horn; 15 grandchildren, Dr. Todd Petty (Rachael) of Quincy, IL; Ben Petty (Sherry) of Conrad; Angie Ellerbroek (Shawn) of Waverly; Jeff Petty of Knoxville; Marcy Dickson (Todd) of Highland Ranch, CO; Dean Pena (Tulio) of Centennial, CO; Heidi Koskovich of Colorado Springs, CO; Drew Petersen (Stacey) of Austin, TX; Lindsey Petersen of Omaha, NE; Allison Geiger (Jeremy) of Washington, D.C.; Alicia Kerr of Coronado, CA; Brian Kerr of Carlisle; Paige Aument (Mark) of Wesley Chapel, FL; Blair Paulsen and Heath Paulsen, both of Elk Horn; 10 great-grandchildren, Alexis, Sierra, Jacob, Gage, Ava and Dane Petty, Tanner and Carly Dickson, and Mason and Gretchen Ellerbroek; a sister, Pauline Mickelsen of Elk Horn; a brother, Howard Paulsen (Janet) of rural Atlantic; one brother-in-law, Glen Dinkla (Dorsey) of Massena; and two sisters-in-law, Arlene Dinkla of Casey, and Violet Dinkla of Glenwood.

Funeral services were held Oct. 6, 2005 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Atlantic with the Reverend Ken Davidson officiating. Casket bearers were his grandsons and honorary casket bearers were his granddaughters. Burial was in the Atlantic Cemetery. Hockenberry Family Care in Atlantic in charge of arrangements.