

Folmer Reich, 96

March 28, 1911 - May 28, 2007

ELK HORN - Folmer Alvin Reich was born March 28, 1911 near Gates in Audubon County son of Otto and Ella (Andersen) Reich. He attended school in the area and helped on the family farm. He was baptized and confirmed at Elk Horn Lutheran Church in Elk Horn in 1927.

June 29, 1935, Folmer married Reta Alice Hansen at the Knuntze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha, NE. Two daughters were born to this union. Folmer worked for Shelby County in road maintenance from 1937 to 1943. The couple rented and farmed west of Elk Horn until 1958 when they purchased their own farm closer to Elk Horn. They farmed until their retirement in 1978. Following retirement Folmer and Reta moved into Elk Horn, where Folmer lived until 2004 when he became a resident of Salem Lutheran Homes. Reta died in 1988. Folmer was a life-long member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. He also participated in the National Corn Husking Contest. He died May 28, 2007 at Salem Lutheran Homes at age 96 years and 2 months.

Folmer was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Reta, a granddaughter Cherie in 1990 and a brother Freddie Reich. He is survived by his daughters: Shirlyn (Mark) Petersen of Kimballton and Beverly (Roger) DuVall of Belmont; five grandchildren: Tami Kohl (David) of Minden; Todd Petersen (Julie) of Huxley; Troy Petersen (Lori) of Salem NH; Dawn Sander (Mike) of Meservey; Cheryl DuVall of Bartlesville, OK; eleven great-grandchildren: Joshua Kohl (Rhonda); Justin Kohl; Tyler and Tanner Petersen; Olivia and Julia Petersen; Korby, Ryann and Tate Sander; Cory and Trey DuVall; sisters: Viola Jensen, Verda Juelsgaard and Elaine Michaelsen and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 31, 2007 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Keith Menter, officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery with Tami Kohl, Dawn Sander, Cheryl DuVall, Julie Petersen and Lori Petersen honorary casket bearers. Casketbearers were Tyler Petersen, Todd Petersen, Mike Sander, Troy Petersen, Dave Kohl, Josh Kohl and Justin Kohl. Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton in charge of arrangements.