

Elmer Schmitt, 81

AVOCA - Elmer Emil Schmitt was born Nov. 3, 1909 to Paul Schmitt and Magda Moeick on the farm owned by Paul's father, Emil Schmitt, southwest of Walnut. His father died in 1912. His mother had a farm sale and moved to Walnut. She married B. Carl Petersen in 1915 and moved to Avoca. They farmed near Hancock, later moving to the farm they purchased west of Avoca. He was confirmed on Palm Sunday, April 24, 1924 at the Second Congregational Church, Avoca. He graduated from the Avoca High School in 1926.

He married Viola Mortensen Dec. 5, 1932 at Avoca's English Lutheran Church. They started farming on Viola's parent's farm southeast of Hancock. They moved to Marion in 1960. He worked for the city of Marion for 6 years. Then they returned to the farm where they lived and worked for 20 more years. They moved to their house in Avoca in 1986. Viola died on Jan. 30, 1989. He died July 29, 1990 at age 81 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; his step-father; one sister, Esther Armstrong and one half-sister, Betty McCool. He is survived by his children, Janet Myers, Omaha, NE., and Wayne Schmitt, Forrest Lake, MN.; four grandchildren; one great-grandchildren; half-brother, Kenneth Petersen; nephew, Lester Petersen of Avoca; Gene Armstrong, Chamberlain, S.D.; Gerald Mortensen and children of Fargo, N.D., and niece, Carol Petersen.

Services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca on Aug. 1, 1990 with Pastor Dean Sudman, Mr Wayne Paulsen, Lay Assistant, officiating. Honorary bearers were Kenneth Brown, Wylie King, Frank Maassen, Clifford Fischer, Gerald Mortensen, Kenneth Martin, Lloyd Davis, James Andersen, Delbert King and Lester Petersen. Casketbearers were Daryl (Chris) Paulsen, Richard Brown, Richard Petersen, Doyce Hildebrand, Dale Kardell and Daryle Bailey.