

Richard A. Sturgeon, 56

April 3, 1934 — Jan. 21, 1991

AUDUBON — Richard A. Sturgeon, son of Frederick A. and Juanita Rogers Sturgeon, was born April 3, 1934 in Exira and died Jan. 21, 1991 at the Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines, at age 56 years, 9 months and 18 days. He was baptized at the Exira Christian Church in Exira and attended Exira Public Schools.

Sept. 5, 1953, he married Delia Andreasen at the First Christian Church in Audubon. They operated several farms in Audubon County before purchasing their present farm east of Audubon in 1971. He farmed until 1989 when he was forced to retire due to health problems. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Audubon.

Preceding him in death was an infant daughter, Christine Sturgeon and his father, Frederick Sturgeon. Survivors include his wife, Delia of Audubon; his children and their spouses: Pam (Chuck) Swan of Sioux City; Penny (Bruce) Christensen, Peggy (Mark) Sornson, and Scott A. Sturgeon, all of Audubon; and Sonya Sturgeon of Des Moines; ten grandchildren; his mother, Juanita Sturgeon of Exira; two sisters and their husbands, Donita (Wayne) Petersen of Indianola and Karen (Bruce) Polly of Collins; nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. George McMullen Jan. 25, 1991 at the First United Methodist Church in Audubon. Burial was in the Maple Grove cemetery in Audubon. Honorary casketbearers were Dr. John Donovan, Richard Foresman, Keith Grabill, Richard Gross, Levi Hansen, Lyle Huffman, Wayne Huffman, William Joslin, John Knudsen, David Lansman, Dale Levis, Ervin Pauley Sr., Russell Shupe, and Paul Thomas. Active casketbearers were Larry Nielsen, Ervin Pauley Jr., Thomas Pauley, Clarence Sailer, Dr. Charles Schnack and Charles Stoltz. Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon in charge of arrangements.