

William "Bill" Stamp, 87

June 19, 1915 - April 8, 2003

PERSIA – William "Bill" Martens Stamp was born June 19, 1915, in Persia, and was the youngest of five sons born to Peter F. and Emma Martens Stamp. He was baptized and confirmed at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Persia. He attended Center Country School and graduated from Persia High School in 1932.

April 15, 1956, Bill married Coralys Kemmish at the Congregational Church in Minden. They were the parents of two daughters, Mona and Mary. After their marriage, they continued to farm the Stamp home place, celebrating a Century Farm in 2000. Bill served in several offices in Trinity Lutheran Church, was a lifelong member of Farm Bureau and Bank Director of Home Savings. Bill died April 8, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 87 years, 10 months and 11 days.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his four brothers, Harry, Ted, Ed and John. He is survived by his wife, Coralys of Persia; two daughters, Mona (Kevin) Jensen of Council Bluffs and Mary (Earl) Bennett of Underwood; five grandchildren, Danielle Buffum, Sean Buffum, Paige Buffum, Cassidy Bennett and Kati Bennett and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 12, 2003, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Persia, with Rev. David Kuhnle officiating. Burial was in the Valley View Cemetery in Persia, with Babetta and Bill Lucke, John and Betty Stamp, Joan and Stan Martens, Alden and Ella Stamp and George Kriz honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Lynn Martens, Jack Stamp, Kent Morgan, Kurt Stamp, Gene Christiansen and Jim Voge. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

