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Rudolph Christian Trottnor, 92

Dec. 22, 1898 — May 7, 1991

AVOCA - Rudolph Christian Trottnor was born on a farm northeast of Shelby, Dec. 22, 1898. He was the son of Christian and Emma Groepper Trottnor and was one of five children in the family. He attended rural school and the Tennant High School and grew up on his parents farm. He farmed there until 1940. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca.

He married Mary Tague in 1930 and she died in Sept. of 1940. In 1949, he married Hattie Dorscher. He drove a school bus for several years. He retired and moved from his farm northeast of Walnut to his present home on Frost Ave in Avoca in 1968. Hattie died Feb. 28, 1971. He married Della Hansen July 1, 1972. He died May 7, 1991 at Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca, where he had been a resident since Sept. of 1988, at age 92 years, 4 months and 15 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Henry Trottnor; three sisters, Matilda Danker, Amelia Trottnor and Emma Baustin and his wives, Mary Trottnor and Hattie Trottnor. Survivors are his wife, Della; three step-children; Norma (Orval) Pierce of Avoca; Richard Hansen (Alice) of Casper, WY., and Donna (Emmett) Dargin of Avoca; 10 step-grandchildren and 12 step-great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 10, 1991, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Mrs Wayne Paulsen, Lay Assistant, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Casketbearers were Edwin Olson, Ernie Schnack, Robert Brown, William Kay, Kennard Mertz, and Russell Lehnardt. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.