

Lester Thomsen, 91

July 1, 1910 - Dec. 3, 2001

AVOCA - Lester Ralph Thomsen was born July 1, 1910, north of Shelby. He lived on a farm for a year before moving to Bentley, and then to Minden. Lester was the youngest of four children born to Thomas and Emma Kaven Thomsen. In 1919, the family moved to Avoca by way of a freight car. He graduated from Avoca High School in 1929.

He married Edna Holst July 7, 1938. They were the parents of three daughters, Delores, Karen and Linda. In 1940, he built the Thomsen Oil Company, where Keith Holtz presently has his business. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Dec. 3, 2001, at age 91 years, five months and two days.

His parents; sister, Blanche Hough; brother, Howard; son-in-law, Roger Eble; and granddaughter, Holly Marie Eble, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Edna of Avoca; three children, Delores (Clifton) Woodworth of Orlando, FL; Karen Eble of Missoula, MT and Linda (Tom) Eitmann of Treynor; one sister, Lulla Johnson of Albuquerque, NM; seven grandchildren; six great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7, 2001, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor John Rinde and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Kevin Woodworth, Matthew Woodworth, Charles Eble, Chad Eitmann, Michelle Willet, Shannon Copps and Kris Eitmann. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.