

## **Raymond F. Towne, 90**

**May 3, 1906 - April 6, 1997**

**WALNUT** - Raymond Francis Towne was born near Woodbine, May 3, 1906, son of Salem LeRoy and Elizabeth Hauser Towne. He was one of 10 children in the family. He attended country school at the Douglas Center School in Harrison County.

He married Hermagene Stephens Feb. 21, 1934. They were the parents of four children. They farmed in the Woodbine and Harlan areas before moving to the Walnut area. For many years they farmed southwest of Walnut. They retired from farming and moved to town in the spring of 1963. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and was a longtime member of the PSC Fish and Wildlife Club. She died Sept. 2, 1973. In 1982, he moved to the Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut. He died at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, April 6, 1997 at age 90 years, 11 months and three days. He had been a resident of the home since Feb. 26, 1997.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Herma; an infant child; stepdaughter, Patricia Graham; son-in-law, Allan Wiese; one brother, Robert Towne; three sisters, Velma Carlile, Ida Pithan and Lila Walker. He is survived by his children, Gary Towne of Valley Center, KS; Theda Wiese of Manning and Donald Towne of Chicago, IL; four grandchildren, Douglas Towne, Roger Wiese, Jean Stadtlander and Ronald Wiese; two great grandchildren, Kara Stadtlander and Parker Wiese; four sisters, Alta Callis of Los Angeles, CA; Vera Powley of Monrovia, CA; Mary Walker of Woodbine and Doris Waite of Missouri Valley; one brother, Willis Towne (Doris) of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 9, 1997, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Mr. Orris Drake officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Doug Towne, Ron Wiese, Charles Waite, Roger Wiese, Dwayne Walker and Bill Towne.