

Harold Glenn Wetzel, 80 ✓

March 7, 1915 - July 7, 1995

Manning - Harold, son of Andrew Franklin and Inga Elizabeth Johnson Wetzel, was born March 7, 1915 in Shelby County, near Manilla. He grew up in the same area, receiving his education in the local country school, Greeley #2. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church as a child. In 1937 he began farming with his brother, Lyle, near Manilla.

Sept. 10, 1941 he married Vernie Eunice Pedersen from Irwin. At that time they transferred their church memberships to the Methodist Church in Irwin. Three children, Harold, Glenn, Robert Dale, and Judith Gail, were born to this union. They continued to farm in the Irwin and Manilla area until 1951 when they purchased a farm at Sewal in Wayne County. There they transferred their church membership to E.U.B. Church. While there he farmed and worked at the milk processing plant in Allerton. In 1960 he leased a DX service station as a family project. After he suffered a light stroke early in 1962 the farm was sold and the family moved to Manning where he operated the DX station at the corner of 5th and Main. He later moved to the DX station and cafe on Highway 141, which became a family business. In 1965 they gave up the cafe and station and he went to work at Nelson Manufacturing in Manning and later to Emmert Manufacturing in Audubon, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the United Methodist Church. He experienced health problems in recent years and was confined to a wheel chair. His condition worsened suddenly and he was taken to Manning General Hospital where he died July 7, 1995 at age 80 years and 4 months.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Judith, in 1978; his parents: an infant sister, Lorraine; his sister, Thelma Erb; and his brother, Lyle Wetzel. Survivors include his wife, Vernie, of Manning; sons: Harold (Joyce) of Kansas City, MO and Robert (Laura) of Kansas City, KS; a son-in-law, Larry Reder, of St. Joseph, MO; six grandchildren all of Kansas City, KS; two great grandchildren; two step-granddaughters; brothers: Albert (Jeanette) of Bayard; Kenneth (Daisy) of Bayard; and Ivan (Marlys) of Badger; sisters: Ruby Jensen of Ankeny and Ilo (Wayne) Miller of Ames; brothers-in-law, Gordon Pedersen (Margaret) of Omaha; Kenneth Pedersen of Irwin; and Alyn Erb of Manning; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 10, 1995 at the United Methodist Church, Manning with Reverend Larry McAlpine officiating. Burial was in the Manning City Cemetery. Casket bearers were Gail Wetzel, Darrell Miller, Scott Grissom, David Wetzel, Don Trotter and Dennis Erb. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.