

Orville Wedel, 93

Aug. 26, 1917 - Sept. 15, 2010

AVOCA — Orville Laverne Wedel was born on August 26, 1917 on the family farm south of Minden. He was one of two sons born to Walter and Lenora (Leaders) Wedel. He attended grade school at York Township country school and then one year of high school at Minden. Orville then stayed at home to help with the farming operation.

Orville was united in marriage to Betty Derby on his birthday, August 26, 1942 in Avoca. They lived south of Minden on the farm and were the parents of three children: Lynn, Gayle and Gary. Orville farmed, milked cows and raised hogs until 1961 when they sold the farm, moved to Minden and purchased the hardware store. Orville and Betty operated Wedel Hardware until their retirement in 1980. Later, he became janitor of the Minden United Church of Christ for 17 years, keeping everything neat and in operating condition around the church. Orville enjoyed working in his yard at their home and in addition to being a member of Minden United Church of Christ, Orville was also a member of the Minden Community Club and was a volunteer at Jennie Edmundson Hospital for a number of years. Orville and Betty moved to the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in November of 2009 and this is where he died on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 having attained the age of ninety-three years and twenty days.

Orville was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Clinton, two sons-in-law, LeRoy Kadel and Pastor Denny Peterson. Orville is survived by his wife of 68 years, Betty of Avoca; his children, Lynn Peterson and her special friend, Charlie Leaders, Gayle Wedel and Gary Wedel and his wife, Karla, all of Minden; 5 granddaughters: Kathy and her husband Brian Fox of Colorado Springs, CO, Suzanne and her husband James Watson of Council Bluffs, Delene Wedel of Bourbonnais, IL, Wendy and her husband Galen Barrett of Crescent, and Michelle and her husband Steve Hurley of Council Bluffs; nine great-grandchildren; Emily and Benjamin Fox, Alex, Gabriel and Jonathan Watson, Madison and Landon Barrett and Evan and Isabelle Hurley, nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

Pastor Brian Wohlhuter officiated the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at United Church of Christ in Minden. Interment was held at the Minden



Cemetery in Minden. Honorary casket bearers were Brian Fox, Charlie Leaders, Henry Rodenburg and Larry Hornbostel. Serving as casket bearers were James Watson, Steve Hurley, Galen Barrett, Ken Crane, William Derby and Paul Wedel.

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