

## Gustav Fossell, 85

Irwin — Alfred Gustav Fossell, son of Tjaerand and Guro Ganeste Fossell, was born Jan. 27, 1897 in Fosselland near Haugesund, Norway. He died at Myrtle Memorial hospital, Harlan, on Monday, Jan. 25, 1982, just two days before his 85th birthday.

He came to the U.S. in 1915 and settled in Shelby co., where he was engaged in farming. On March 16, 1918, he enlisted in the U.S. Army to serve his country as a Private First Class in the Medical Department during WW I. After receiving his honorable discharge on Jan. 20, 1920, he returned to Shelby co. where he farmed near Irwin.

On July 2, 1941, he married Irena Steenhusen in Westerville, S.D. A nephew, Cyrus Savereide, pastor of the Lutheran church there, performed the ceremony. After their marriage, they settled in Holstein, where he was employed as a salesman for Watkin's Products. After retiring in 1964, they continued to make their home in Holstein until Jan. of 1977, when they both became residents of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. After Mrs Fossell died on March 14, 1977, he continued to reside at the Baptist Memorial Home.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Holstein. He was also an active member and past post commander of the American Legion, Dessell Schmidt Post No. 225 in Holstein.

In addition to his wife and parents, Gus was preceded in death by two brothers, Tores and Neils Fossell and four sisters, Paulina Savereide, Kaia Bradley, Valborg Kvamme and Tea Aarvik.

Survivors include one brother, Torwald of Leirvick on Stord, Norway and one sister, Anna Wooster of Manning; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, on Thursday, Jan. 28, 1982 with the Rev. John W. Nelson of the Parkside Baptist church in Omaha, officiating and Mark Jervis of the Merrill's Grove Baptist church, Shelby co. assisting.

Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery in Irwin, with Merlene Thompson, David Barnett, Paul Steenhusen, Jon Wooster, Paul Wooster and Richard Annin serving as casketbearers. Military services were conducted at the cemetery by the American Legion Dessell Schmidt Post No. 225 of Holstein.