

# Walter Jessen, 86

**Elk Horn** — Walter Petersen Jessen was born May 27, 1894 in Audubon county, son of Pete M. and Maggie Smith Jessen. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran church. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Kimballton.

He married Agnes Christensen, Dec. 14, 1921. Four children were born to this union. The couple farmed until they retired to Kimballton in 1965. Agnes died in May, 1971, and Walter moved to the Salem Nursing Home on June 18, 1980. He died there Monday, August 11, 1980 at age 86 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two sons, Wilmer and Marvin and two brothers, Marlan and Thomas. Survivors include two daughters, Rosalie Lowers of Bertha, Minn., and Mrs Edward (Ducille) Evans of Kimballton; eight grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and five sisters, Mary Handebul of Denmark, Hannah Petersen of Atlantic, Rosie Mardesen of Colorado Springs; Lillie Madsen of Exira and Mrs Leo (Ethel) Mardesen of Exira.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 14, 1980 in Immanuel Lutheran church with Pastor Gerber, officiating. Burial was in St. John's cemetery, Exira with Arthur Jacobsen, Merle Petersen, Virgil and Russell Jensen, Burdette Poldberg and Glenn Clemesen serving as casketbearers.

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