

Alfred Knutsen

KIMBALLTON — Alfred Knutsen, was born Aug. 9, 1900 in Audubon county, son of Hans and Anna Marie Knutsen. He was baptised into the Christian faith at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Audubon, where he also took confirmation instructions. Alfred lived his entire life in the Audubon county area and farmed for a living. On April 9, 1924 he married Christina Christensen. Christina died on Feb. 14, 1948. Alfred then married Ruth Jean Bannister and they continued to live in Audubon county.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, a daughter - Mary Ann Petty and two sisters - Mary Thyssen and Lena Jacobsen. Survivors include his wife Ruth; his brother, Carl Knutsen of Lewis; his sister, Anna Christensen at the Elk Horn Salem Home; five children, Mads Knutsen of Lewis; Carl L. Knutsen of Kimballton; Betty Esbeck of Exira; Lovie Andersen of Donahue and Raymond Knutsen of Audubon; also two stepchildren - Gary Pearce and Penny Pearce, 18 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held on March 25, 1977 at the Bethany Lutheran church in Kimballton with Pastor Keith Klemm, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery with Terry Knutsen, Timothy Knutsen, Todd Knutsen, Kenneth Knutsen, Dale Esbeck and Rodney Esbeck serving as casketbearers.