

Hans Martens, 101

Persia — Hans Martens, son of Jergen and Abeline Neil Jarsdorf Martens died Monday, May 7, 1979, at Archbishop Bergan Mercy hospital in Omaha, Neb., at age of 101 years, 9 months and 5 days. He was born on Aug. 2, 1877 in Osterstadt, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany and came to the U.S. at age 15. He settled in the Portsmouth, vicinity and it was here where he married Emma Dohrmann on Sept. 22, 1909. They moved to the Shelby community in 1920. Mr Martens farmed until 1950, when he retired and they moved into Shelby. The Martens were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding on Sept. 22, 1959.

Mr Martens was a charter member of the United Lutheran church in Shelby and at the time of his death was a member of Pacific Hills Lutheran church in Omaha.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; four brothers and one sister. He is survived by six daughters - Mrs E. C. (Olga) Wolff, Velma Martens and Elsie Martens of Omaha, Neb., Mrs J. A. (Viola) Kapfer of Denver, Colo., Mrs Melvin (Ellen) Blumer and Mrs Elven (Jane) Steenbock of Persia and a son - Alvin Martens of Minden; 16 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 10, 1979, at Pacific Hills Lutheran church in Omaha with the Rev. Nathan Wadewitz, officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Gerald Wolff, Thomas Wolff, Dr. Philip Kapfer, Rev. Richard Kapfer, Mark Kapfer, Dan Martens, James Martens, Jeffrey Martens, Rev Timothy Steenbock and Greg Steenbock serving as casket-bearers.