

M.L. Steckelberg, 80

M.L. Steckelberg Meinhardt, son of Fred and Margaret Hargens Steckelberg was born Feb. 23, 1902, in Crawford co., Iowa. He attended rural schools near his home. On May 5, 1926, he married Elsie Krogh at the home of her parents near Manilla. They farmed near Manilla all their lives.

M.L. was a member of Trinity Lutheran church, Manilla, and a member of the Lutheran Laymen's League, as well as an elder for many years.

He entered the Mesquite Community hospital, Dallas, Texas, while visiting his daughter there shortly before Christmas, 1982. He died there on Monday, Jan. 17, 1983, at the age of 80 years, 10 months, 24 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Henry and Ed.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie, Manilla and three children: Ione and her husband Robert James of St. Petersburg, Fla., Lois and her husband George James of Rockwall, Texas, Dr. Wayne Steckelberg and wife, Carol of Honolulu, Hawaii; 14 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; 2 brothers: Bill Steckelberg of Denison, Fred Steckelberg of Sioux City; one sister: Viola, Mrs Don Champion of Denison; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Services were Thursday, Jan. 20 at the Trinity Lutheran church in Manilla. Burial was at Nishnabotna cemetery. Casketbearers were Bob Steckelberg, Ray Jorgensen, Ted Krogh, Kenneth Steckelberg, Larry Justice and Bernard Jorgensen. Honorary casketbearers were Bill Lohrmann, Newton McCracken, Harry Saunders, Carl Brus, Manly Humphreys, Leroy Lueth, Jim Theobald and Bill Joens.