

# Elmer Swenson, 71

**KIRKMAN** — Elmer Swenson, son of Jens and Thomasena Jensen Svendsen, was born on a farm in Harrison county, on June 3, 1906. He died at Jennie Edmundson hospital in Co. Bluffs, on June 12, 1977, just nine days after his 71st birthday. He was baptized in St. Boniface Catholic church in Westphalia, and was confirmed in St. Michael's Catholic church in Harlan. As a small boy he moved with his parents to a farm in Monroe twp., where he attended country school. At the age of 11 they moved to a farm near Fiscus where he grew to adulthood and completed his schooling at Polk twp., No. 6 school. On June 3, 1929, he married Pauline Stolz at St. Boniface church in Westphalia. Six children were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Swenson farmed for 19 years in Polk twp. They then moved to their present farm south east of Kirkman, and this has been his home since that time. Mr Swenson was a member of St. Michael's church in Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Vernie Norgaard; four brothers - Henry, Herbert, Gottlieb and Anton; and by a granddaughter, Tracy Lyn Richards. His survivors include his wife, Pauline, of Kirkman, two sons, Gary and Randy Swenson, both of Kirkman; four daughters - Joyce (Mrs John Huber) of Loveland, Colo., Geraldine Swenson of Earling, Zita (Mrs Kenneth Richards) of Kirkman, and Jolene (Mrs Kenneth Hass) of Denison, 11 grandchildren and by seven great-grandchildren, by two brothers - Leonard Swanson of Elk Horn and Wilbert Svendsen of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Michael's church in Harlan on Wednesday, June 15, 1977, with Rev. Richard G. Wagner as celebrant. Burial was in St. Boniface cemetery in Westphalia, with Donald Stolz, Levi Swensen, LeRoy Swensen, James Swanson, Darrell Swanson and Elliott Svendsen serving as pallbearers.