

Warner Thomsen, 80

Warner John Thomsen, son of Fred and Emma Laasen Thomsen was born at Persia on June 3, 1903. He was one of eight children in the family. As a child he attended country school.

He married Ruby Best on March 17, 1926. After their marriage, they farmed near Persia for one year. Most of their married life was spent in the Avoca, Walnut and Shelby areas until they moved to Tennant where they have lived the last several years. They were the parents of five children.

On Aug. 26, 1983 he and his wife were both burned as they were attempting to relight their hot water heater at their home in Tennant. They were both taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha where Ruby died on Thursday, Sept. 1, 1983. He died at the St. Joseph's hospital on Sunday, Sept. 4, 1983 at the age of 80 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Ruby; one daughter, Shirley; one granddaughter, Vick Sizelove; three sisters, Henrietta Jensen, Johanna Sinison and Alvena Kuhl and three brothers, Louie, Minehard and Harry. Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy (Mrs Arnold) Sievers of Atlantic and Audrey Sizelove of Westminster, Calif.; two sons, Kenneth of Shelby and Richard of Council Bluffs; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren; one sister, Ellen Felgentreff of Bradenton, Fla., nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1983 at the Berthusen-Knutsen Funeral Home in Avoca with Rev. Bruno Romanowski officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery with Edwin Swank, Donald Plumb, Owen McGee, Norman Christensen, James Hockett and Kenneth Turner serving as casketbearers.