

## Arthur Ahrendsen, 83

*Dec. 6, 1915 – Aug. 22, 1999*

**MANNING** – Arthur Andrew, son of Herman and Anna Schultz Ahrendsen, was born Dec. 6, 1915, on his parents' farm five miles south of Manning. Art was baptized in 1916, and confirmed in 1930, both at Trinity Lutheran Church near Audubon. He attended country school north of his home for six years and parochial school at Trinity Lutheran for two years before returning to country school and graduating from the eighth grade. He then helped his parents farm and worked for neighboring farmers. In 1940, he parents moved to Manning. He stayed on the farm along with his brother, Lorenz, and his wife. Art and Lorenz farmed together until 1959, when Art purchased the neighboring farm and moved there. He spent his winter months in town with his sister, Alta, eventually moving in with her full time while continuing to farm. After Alta's death in 1992, he once again lived alone, and June 18, 1994, his Parkinson's Disease caused him to enter the Manning Plaza Nursing Home. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Manning. He died Aug. 22, 1999, at the Manning Plaza Nursing Home at age 83 years, eight months and 14 days.

Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by his brother, Lorenz Ahrendsen, and his sister, Alta Ahrendsen. He is survived by three nieces, Delores (Richard) Kaczor of Hays, KS; Donna (Charles) Butzlaff of Oshkosh, WI; Norma (Barry) Wageman of Wausau, WI; one nephew, Larry Ahrendsen (Connie) of Manning; 13 great nieces and nephews, Nathan Kaczor (Angie); Joel Kaczor (Mary); Elizabeth Kaczor; Christopher, Jeremy and Jonathan Butzlaff; Jeffrey Wageman (Jennifer); Bradley and Joseph Wageman; Jodi Ahrendsen (Stephen) Miller; Cory Ahrendsen (Jan); Wendy Ahrendsen; Brian Ahrendsen (Karla); two great great nephews; one great great niece; one sister-in-law, Ruth Ahrendsen of Manning; and cousins.

Funeral services were held Aug. 24, 1999, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Manning, with Pastor Daniel Vogel officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Herb Bruhn, Nathan Kaczor, Elizabeth Kaczor, Jeremy Butzlaff, Jeffrey Wageman, Bradley Wageman, Jodi Ahrendsen, Norman Nissen, Raymond Christensen, Charles Escher, Harry Fischer, Ed Ahrendsen, Glen Ahrendsen, Mike Eischeid, Kevin Grimm and Dennis Grimm. Casket bearers were Joel Kaczor, Christopher Butzlaff, Jonathan Butzlaff, Joseph Wageman, Cory Ahrendsen, Brian Ahrendsen and Wendy Ahrendsen. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.