

Charles Andersen, 94

Nov. 10, 1914 - Dec. 26, 2008

HARLAN — Charles James Andersen, the son of Lawrence D. and Margaret J. (Andersen) Andersen, was born on November 10, 1914, in Harlan. He grew up on the family farm and graduated from Harlan High School in 1932. After graduation, Charles worked as a hired man for Frank Meyer and Martin Arentson. While attending a dance in Corley, he met Marcella Peters.

Charles and Marcella were married on January 6, 1937, at the Lutheran Parsonage in Harlan. The couple farmed for many years near Corley, Walnut, and Harlan, and at one point, Charles also drove truck part time for Willie Sorensen. In 1964, Charles and Marcella retired from farming and moved into Harlan. Charles then worked part time for ASCS before being employed as a feed salesman by Walnut Grove. In 1973, he began working for Drs. Christensen, Havick, and Pleak as the desk clerk at their Vet Clinic; he retired from this position in 1981. He then worked part time for Dr. Early until 1985. In 1999, Charles and Marcella became residents of the Independent Living Apartments at the Elm Crest Retirement Community. Marcella died on November 13, 2003, in Harlan. Charles had recently moved to Avoca Lodge Assisted Living. Charles was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. He was a quiet man who enjoyed polka music, playing cards, and reading westerns. He had fond memories of his years as a farmer, and especially the time spent caring for his livestock. Charles J. Andersen died on Friday, December 26, 2008, at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, at the age of 94 years, 1 month, and 16 days.

Preceding Charles in death were his parents; his wife, Marcella Andersen; and four brothers, Marvin Andersen, Levi Andersen, Orville Andersen, and Arthur Andersen. He is survived by one daughter, Valdine Schueman of Avoca; one son, Richard (Shari) Andersen of Tulsa, OK; two sisters, Arlene (Darwin) Warner of Harlan, and Marilyn (Jack) Miles of Saint Louis, MO; six grandchildren, Steven Schueman, David Schueman, Dean Schueman, Denise Hargens, Scott Andersen, and Michelle McCord; 12 great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 29, 2008, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Steve Chellew officiating. Marge Ahrenholtz served as the organist. Casket bearers were Dean Schueman, Steven Schueman, David Schueman, Scott



Andersen, Alex Hargens, Tony McCord, and Rodney Hargens. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan. Condolences may be left online at www.burmeisterjohannsen.com.

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