

Francis Andersen, 93

Oct. 22, 1906 – Dec. 20, 1999

HARLAN – Francis Posten Andersen was born in Manilla, Oct. 22, 1906, son of Anton and Ingeborg Petersen Andersen, and was one of six children in the family. The family moved to the Walnut area where Francis attended school, first in country school and then the Walnut High School, graduating in 1925. After graduation he went to Kansas City, MO and worked in a box factory. He returned to the Walnut area in 1926 to farm with his father.

He married Elsie Brix Feb. 18, 1931, in Walnut. They made their home on the family farm north of Walnut. They lived their entire 68 years of marriage on the same farm. They were the parents of three children, Donald, Gloria and Lowell. He was a member of the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut, served as a Monroe Township Trustee for 48 years, was both a local 4-H leader and a County Committeeman. He was also active in many other community activities such as the Farm Bureau, promoted and helped to establish the REC in the area and school district reorganization. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Dec. 20, 1999, at age 93 years, one month and 28 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Mabel Holst; and three brothers, Ernie, Newton and Pete. He is survived by his wife, Elsie; two sons, Donald Andersen (Clarice) and Lowell Andersen; one daughter, Gloria (Edwin) Mills, all living in the Harlan area; six grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; one sister, Leta Mae Evezic of Co. Bluffs; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 23, 1999, at the Peace United Church of Christ, Walnut, with Rev. Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Kent Larson, Richard Andersen, Wade Mills, Kevin Mills, Gaige Lytle and Bill Broveak. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.