

Ralph Anderson, 88

June 14, 1913 - Dec. 1, 2001

WALNUT – Ralph Milo Anderson was born June 14, 1913, in rural Shelby County, the son of Elmer B. and Christina Petersen Anderson and was the oldest of three children. He attended country school in Monroe Township.

He married Evelyn Escher Dec. 31, 1936, at Harlan. They were the parents of three daughters, Beverly, Vivian and Sheryl. Ralph farmed in Monroe Township until moving northwest of Walnut, in 1943. He continued farming until his retirement in the 1970's. During his retirement he worked for the ASCS office in Oakland. He later moved to his home south of Walnut, where he continued to reside during summer months. The winters were spent in a warmer climate. He was a member of Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut. He died Dec. 1, 2001, at Valley Lutheran Hospital in Mesa, AZ, at age 88 years, five months and 17 days.

He is survived by his daughters, Beverly (Earnest) Madison of Omaha, NE; Vivian (James) Storjohann of Walnut and Sheryl Matzen of Blair, NE; one brother, Floyd Anderson of Tehachapi, CA; one sister, Neorna Anderson of Harlan; seven grandchildren; one great grandchild; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7, 2001, at the Peace United Church of Christ, Walnut, with Pastor Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Ryan Nash, Gary Nash, Douglas Madison, Scott Madison, Mike Storjohann and Greg Storjohann. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.