

Benjamin Anliker, 97

Oct. 21, 1905 - May 12, 2003

HARLAN – Benjamin John Anliker, the son of Emil and Julia Isch Anliker, was born Oct. 21, 1905, in West Bend. He was baptized in the West Bend Methodist Church and attended school at West Bend.

Ben married Laura Vivian Hinton May 27, 1931, at the Methodist Parsonage in Algona. To this union four children were born. Ben had his own garage and farmed in the West Bend area for many years. During their married life, they were often on the move whether relocating to Texas, Missouri and back to Iowa, or taking recreational travels in their motor home. The couple operated the "Red Barn Restaurant" in Sioux City.

Ben was a member of the United Methodist Church where he was active in the choir and his bass voice could be heard in the Barbershoppers chorus and quartets. He was also a Sunday School superintendent for many years. Ben died May 12, 2003, at Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 97 years, six months and 22 days.

In addition to his parents, Ben is preceded in death by his wife, Laura, who died Aug. 16, 2000; his brothers, Levi, Eli, Ernie, Noah, Joseph; and his sister, Esther. He is survived by his children, Gayle (Gilbert) Berninghaus of Power, MT; Joyce (Glenn) Larson of Ankeny; Aaron Anliker (Marian) of Harlan; and Linda (James) Miller of Cylinder; 11 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 16, 2003, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Gilbert Berninghaus officiating. Burial was in the West Bend Cemetery with Rev. Jim Morris officiating and Lloyd Chalfant, Doug Miller, Chris Koch, Bob Meyers, Mike Anliker and David Anliker casket bearers.

