

Harold Beck, 89

Dec. 27, 1909 – March 28, 1999.

ELK HORN – Harold H. Beck, son of Louie L. and Alma Hansen Beck, was born Dec. 27, 1909, in Audubon County. He attended country school in Audubon County. He was baptized in St. John's Lutheran Church. Prior to marriage, he worked on the family farm and hauled cream.

May 29, 1934, he married Alice Hansen in Atlantic. They moved to Springfield, NE, where they worked for a farmer for a short time. They returned to Iowa and operated a farm west of Brayton for several years, and then purchased a farm south of Elk Horn in 1942. May 27, 1947, the farm was sold and the Elk Horn Café was purchased. Later the Elk Horn Café was sold and the White Café was purchased and operated by Harold and Alice until they sold the café in 1963. They then moved to Southgate, CA, where they purchased and operated a café until they retired and moved to Las Vegas, NV. They lived in Las Vegas until 1978, when they returned to Elk Horn to reside. In 1992 Harold entered Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. March 28, 1999 he died unexpectedly at the Salem Lutheran Home at age 89 years, three months and one day.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Alice; two sons in infancy; an infant granddaughter, Sharon Sumrow; and a brother, Leonard Beck. He is survived by two children, Charles Beck (Darlene) of Hiawatha; Janice (Byron) Sumrow of Prescott, AZ; six grandchildren, Michael Beck (Jody); Karen Borthwick; Sheri (Rick) Armigo; Tracy (Brendon) Schoch; Kelly (Brett) Viliborghi; Cory Sumrow; and nine great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 1, 1999, at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams and Pastor Stephen Gronseth officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were Larry Hansen, Bob Hansen, Merlin Molgaard, Wilfred Eskov, Allan Hansen and Ed Hansen. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.