

Rev. Joseph P. Boysen, 58

June 6, 1943 – Jan. 4, 2002

IRWIN – The Rev. Joseph P. Boysen was born at Carroll, June 6, 1943, son of Henry and Inez Childress Boysen. He was raised on the family farm at Deloit and attended the Goodrich Township Number One country school before graduating from the Denison High School with the Class of 1961. Following high school, Joe and his twin brother, Jim, entered into a farming partnership with Joe operating the dairy portion of the operation and Jim taking care of the other livestock and crops.

June 28, 1970, he married Sharon Fink at the United Methodist Church in Deloit. They made their home on the farm at Deloit where Joe and Jim continued to farm together. Jim retired from farming in 1975, and Joe continued the dairy operation until 1979. After his retirement from farming, he attended Morningside College in Sioux City and served as a student pastor at the United Methodist Church in Danbury. After his graduation from Morningside, he attended St. Paul Seminary in Kansas City, MO, and after his ordination he served as pastor of the United Methodist Churches in Schaller and Arthur. For the past nine years Rev. Boysen had served as pastor of the United Methodist Churches in Irwin, Kirkman and Defiance, residing at the parsonage in Irwin. He was a member of the Methodist Church, area ministerial associations in the communities where he was a pastor and served on various Methodist Conference Committees. In addition to his many church activities he was a member of the Sardius Lodge #444, A.F. & A.M., Irwin. Rev. Boysen died at the parsonage at Irwin, Jan. 4, 2002, at age 58 years, six months and 28 days.

Rev. Boysen was preceded in death by his parents and one infant sister, Una Bell Boysen. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Boysen of Deloit; six brothers, Hubert Boysen (Corlys) of Arthur; Leonard Boysen (LaVon) of Sac City; Melvin Boysen of Odebolt; Dean Boysen (Virginia) of West Burlington; Don Boysen of West Plains, MO and his twin brother, James Boysen (Judith) of Holstein; father and mother-in-law, Don and Kathryn Fink of Denison; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Deb Fink of Denison and Donald and Betty Fink of Deloit; one aunt, Irma Throne of Des Moines; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 8, 2002, at the United Methodist Church at Irwin, with the Rev. Richard L. Sebeniecher, District Superintendent, Council Bluffs District, United Methodist Church officiating. Casket bearers included Ted Boysen, Lee Boysen, Jeff Fink, Lloyd Mathies, Richard "Pete" Petersen and Sean Fink. Burial was at the Deloit Cemetery. The Pfannebecker Funeral Home in Denison, in charge of arrangements where a Masonic Service, conducted by the Sardius Lodge #444, A.F. & A.M., Irwin, was held Jan. 7, 2002.