

Junior Carstens, 82

July 24, 1922 - Nov. 4, 2004

MANILLA — Junior Edwin, son of Peter and Mary (Peper) Carstens, was born July 24, 1922, on a farm near Manilla. He graduated from Manilla High School in 1940.

June 17, 1947, Junior married Patricia H. Miller at St. Joseph's Church in Earling. They lived in Manilla for a short time before moving to the farm north of Manilla where they continued to live for over 57 years. He was a cattle and grain farmer. He was committed to his farm-related organizations and very active in the community. He was a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Manilla and the Holy Name Society. He was a 4-H leader, A.S.C. committeeman and ISU Extension Council member. He was a director and officer with the Crawford County Cattlemen's Association, director of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association and member of the National Cattlemen's Association. He served as secretary of the Crawford County Zoning Commission Board. Junior was founding president of the Manilla Community Club and director of the Manilla Manor. Junior's health began to fail at the beginning of 2004 and he became a resident of the Manilla Manor Nursing Home Oct. 1, 2004. He died there Nov. 4, 2004, at age 82 years, three months and 11 days.

Preceding Junior in death are his parents; three brothers; one in infancy, Melroy and Albert "Kit" Carstens; and two sisters, Florence and Malinda Carstens. He is survived by his wife, Patricia "Pat" Carstens of Manilla; two sisters-in-law, Lucille Carstens of Manilla and Mary Mertens of Spokane, WA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 8, 2004, at the Sacred Heart Church in Manilla, with Rev. Robert Gralapp officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Manilla. Honorary casket bearers were Jim Gross, Mel Schechinger, Alvin Bandow, Loren Ferry, Joe Schiltz, Dale Lafrentz, Don Pederson and Fred Blum. Casket bearers were Bill Jacoby, Keith Jorgensen, Dr. Marlin Frank, Dan Schechinger, Doug Gross and Chris McGee. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.