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Herbert Craney, 85

June 9, 1914 – Nov. 4, 1999

WALNUT – Herbert Floyd Marian Craney was born June 9, 1914, in Walnut, son of G.W. and Hattie Noon Craney. He was one of six children in the family. He attended school in Walnut, and graduated in 1933.

Herbert, or Babe as he was known by, married Ramona Thompson Oct. 28, 1936, and they were the parents of two children, Jan and Wayne. They moved to California and Babe worked in construction. They returned to Iowa and he drove a truck for Armour Meats and they lived in several communities in Iowa until they moved back to the farm near Walnut. He farmed until his retirement in February of 1989. He moved into Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. He was a member of the initial board of trustees for the Peace Haven Retirement Home. He died Nov. 4, 1999, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, at age 85 years, four months and 26 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Ramona; two sisters, Bernice and Hazel; three brothers, Wilbur (Web), Clifford (Shep) and Claude Dale (Dodger). He was survived by his children, Jan Stipe of Norwalk and Wayne Craney (Carmen) of Oklahoma City, OK; six grandchildren, Kent Craney (Lisa) of Elk Grove, CA; Patrick Craney (Kendyl) of Portland, OR; Jenny (Brad) Leeper of Cedar Falls; Amy (Julo) Michalik of Epinal, France; Matt Stipe (Tanya) of Walnut; Meghan Stipe of Des Moines; seven great grandchildren, Ryan and Courtney Craney; Malcolm and Iris Craney; Josie and Casey Leeper and Otis Stipe; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 10, 1999, at the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut, with Mr. Orris Drake officiating. Casket bearers were Kent Craney, Matt Stipe, Amy Michalik, Jenny Leeper, Patrick Craney and Meghan Stipe. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.