

Arlo F. Elmquist, 86

Feb. 2, 1914 - Feb. 4, 2000

AUDUBON - Arlo F. Elmquist, son of Joseph and Louise Riesgaard Elmquist, was born Feb. 2, 1914, in Sharon Township, Audubon County, and died Feb. 4, 2000, at the Friendship Home in Audubon, at age 86 years and two days. Arlo was baptized and confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church in rural Kimballton. He attended country school in Sharon Township. After school he worked on the family farm and neighborhood farms until he started driving a truck for his brother, Bennie.

June 22, 1940, he married Alice Olsen in Omaha, NE. Three children were born to this union, Mark, Bruce and Donna. After serving in the army he started farming in 1946. He continued to farm until 1978. They continued to live on the family farm until 1997, when they moved to the Friendship Village in Audubon. He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church.

Preceding him in death were his brothers, Chris Elmquist, Bennie Elmquist, Otto Elmquist, Leo Elmquist and an infant brother, Harvey, and an infant sister, Myrtle, and his parents. Survivors include his wife, Alice Elmquist of Audubon; his children, Mark (Karen) Elmquist of Audubon; Bruce (Donna) Elmquist of Kimballton and Donna (Mark) Nelsen of Harlan; his grandchildren, David and Barbi Elmquist of Audubon; Neil and Amy Elmquist of Audubon; Joel and Kristie Elmquist of Framingham, MA; Jill Elmquist of Alamosa, CO; Jena Elmquist and her fiancé, John Cerveny of Lincoln, NE; Jason Elmquist of Ames; Clint, Erin, Ashley and Ryne Nelsen, all of Harlan; his great grandchildren, Alex, Abby, Darrin, Zachary and George; his sisters and brothers, Elvin (Robina) Elmquist of Exira; Elsie Andersen of Audubon; Mabel (Bernard) Riley of Otho; Elvina (Otto) Nelsen of Sun City, AZ and Leona (Merlyn) Peterson of Orangevale, CA; his sisters-in-law, Dorliss Elmquist of Audubon and Gladys (Howard) Hansen of Exira; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Keith Johnson Feb. 8, 2000, at the Bethany Lutheran Church near Kimballton. Burial was in Bethany Lutheran Cemetery. Casket bearers were grandchildren, David Elmquist, Neil Elmquist, Joel Elmquist, Jill Elmquist, Jena Elmquist, Jason Elmquist, Clint Nelsen, Erin Nelsen, Ashley Nelsen and Ryne Nelsen. Kessler Funeral Home, Audubon in charge of arrangements.