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AVOCA – Herman Gustav Giese was born in Avoca, April 16, 1907. He was the son of Gustav and Bertha Wiese Giese. He was one of nine children in the family. He attended school in Avoca and graduated from the Avoca High School. While in school and following his graduation he worked in a grocery store in Avoca. He worked in the same store, but for three different owners, until he was called into the Army during WW II.

When he returned from the War he began farming with his brother William. He continued to farm until his retirement in the early 1970's, when he moved to Avoca. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Fred Funston American Legion Post # 227. He became a resident of the Indian Hills Nursing Home in Co. Bluffs, May 16, 1988. He died at Mercy Hospital in Co. Bluffs, Dec. 22, 1988 at age 81.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, William Giese, Carl Giese and an infant brother and five sisters, Helena Giese, Elsie Albertus, Hertha Dose, Emma Giese and an infant sister. He is survived by a sister-in-law, Gladys Giese of Marne; and four nieces.

Services were held Dec. 26, 1988 at Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home, Avoca with Pastor Dean Sudman officiating. Burial was in Graceland cemetery Avoca with honorary bearers Lawrence Mandelkow and Kenneth Osbahr and bearers were Richard Russmann, Richard Dea, Fred Miller III, Gary Osbahr, Daryle Bailey and Lloyd Petersen.