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## Otto Goettsch, 99 Jan. 25, 1895 - July 21, 1994

**Walnut** - Otto Goettsch was born Jan. 25, 1895 in Davenport, the son of Henry and Anna Delventhal Goettsch. He was one of five brothers and sisters in the family. He moved with his parents to a farm south of Walnut, where Howard Goettsch now lives. He attended rural school. He was a veteran of World War I. After the service he farmed several years in Rushville, NE. He returned home to farm and lived with Gus and Ethel Goettsch until 1941, when he stayed at the home of Freddie and Lola Goettsch. Later he moved in with his mother to help care for her until she died at the age of almost 104. He continued to live in her home until he entered the Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn. He entered Salem Lutheran Homes Dec. 8, 1986. He died suddenly July 21, 1994 at Salem Lutheran Homes at age 99 years, 5 months and 26 davs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Gustav, Henry and Freddie Goettsch, a sister Helen Lamer and a niece, Darlene Lafrentz. He is survived by two sisters-in-law, Clara Goettsch and Lola Goettsch both of Walnut, a niece, Jean Goettsch Kaven of Denver, CO, a nephew, Howard Goettsch of Walnut, a cousin, Hertha Kiser of Ormond Beach, FL and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 24, 1994 at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Pastor Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery. Casket bearers were: Dean Fornoff, Max Petersen, Dion Grooms, Freddie Joe Goettsch, Robert Goettsch and Robert Lafrentz. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.