

## Clarence Leo Gross, 93

**March 12, 1897 — Feb. 8, 1991**

**AVOCA** — Clarence Leo Gross was born near Avoca March 12, 1897. He was the son of Dominick and Josephine Wiseman Gross. He was one of nine children in the family. He attended rural country school in Pleasant Twp. As a young man, he continued farming the family farm.

He married Gwendolyn Kincaid from 1932 to 1942. In Oct. of 1942, he was inducted into the U.S. Air Force, and was discharged June 1945. During this time, he served 28 months over seas in North Africa. After returning home from service, he was on independent cream hauler for the Avoca Farmers Co-op Creamery for 14 years.

Nov. 18, 1959 he married Viola Wasser Cutchall. They made their home in Avoca. In April 1980 they moved to the Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut, where they resided until 1990 when they moved to the Oakland Manor Nursing Home.

He was a member of the American Legion Veterans of Foreign Wars, having been a Past Commander of the V.F.W. Post 4279. He was a long time member of the United Church of Avoca and was a charter member of the Senior Citizens Circle at Avoca. He died at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, Feb. 8, 1991 at age 93 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Mary Ellen Doll, Josephine Sarvis, Margaret Donaldson and Bessie Gustafson; four brothers, George, Charlie William and Frank Gross; a step-daughter, Pauline Larson and a step-son, Lee Cutchall. Survivors are his wife, Viola Gross, Oakland Manor Nursing Home and one step-daughter, Dorothy Martin (Dean) of Oakland; 7 step-grandchildren; 7 step-great-grandchildren besides nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 12, 1991 at Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca with Dr. Robert Houser, officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery with Edwin Doll, Francis Zimmerman, Donald Gross, Bernard Gross, Marion Weinmann, Dominick Zimmerman, James Leslie and Clifford Fischer serving as honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were Burl Scott, Jack Rosenthal, Vernon Nielsen, George Wise, Gale Mark and Lee Bockelman. Military Graveside rites by V.F.W. and American Legion. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.