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Elmer Gude, 91

May 19, 1903 - Jan. 23, 1995

Elk Horn - Elmer Gude was born May 19, 1903 to Fred and Laura Thompson Gude in rural Elk Horn. He died Jan. 23, 1995 at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn at age 91. He was a lifetime member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church, was baptized and confirmed in that Church.

In 1924 he married Dagny Leistad. They farmed in the Rorbeck and Elk Horn areas until moving into Elk Horn in 1965. He then worked for the town of Elk Horn and also took care of their park for several years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Christena Sorensen and Rose Andersen and three brothers: Harry Gude, Alfred Gude and Gilbert Gude. He is survived by his wife, Dagny of Elk Horn; three children: Arnold Gude (Doris) of Elk Horn, Betty Hansen (Ranald) of Elk Horn and Jerry Gude (Donna) of Exira; twelve grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; two sisters: Anna Diercks (Chester) of Davenport and Marie Green of Grand Island, NE and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 26, 1995 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Rev. Michael Williams and Pastor Intern Debra Ernst officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn cemetery. Casket bearers were: Fred Gude, Paul Gude, Glen Gude, Dave Gude, Greg Gude and Matthew Christofferson. Steen Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.