

Lawrence Gronborg, 90

Feb. 9, 1914 – Sept. 8, 2004

AVOCA — Lawrence Edward Gronborg was born Feb. 9, 1914, in rural Woodbury County in northwest Iowa. He was the son of Albert and Helena Gade Sorensen. When his mother died in June of 1915, Lawrence went to live with his aunt and uncle, Anna and Chris Gronborg. He was adopted by them in November, 1916. Lawrence attend school at New Boston, District #5 for all eight years. He was baptized and confirmed into the English Lutheran Church March 24, 1929. Then he worked on the family farm for a number of years.

Lawrence met Agnes Hansen and they were married at the English Lutheran Church June 2, 1940. Afterward, they began farming northeast of Avoca. They had two daughters, Ann and Jean, and a son, Lynn. The Gronborgs were some of the earliest conservationists. They continued to farm for 36 years, until retiring in 1976. They continued to live on the farm for some time, until moving to Peace Haven Retirement Home in 1998. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Sept. 8, 2004, at age 90.

Lawrence is preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Helen Sorensen, and his adoptive parents, Anna and Chris Gronborg; a half brother, Clarence Sorensen; and great granddaughter, Ashley Roof. He is survived by his wife, Agnes Gronborg of Avoca; his daughters, Ann (Bill) Roof of Avoca and Jean (Malcolm) Clarrissimeaux of Dallas, TX; his son, Lynn Gronborg (Callie) of Avoca; his half brother, Ed Sorensen of Sioux City; his half sisters, Bonnie Chicone of Sioux City and Kay Busse of Des Moines; his grandchildren, Angela and Mike Harder, Elizabeth and Gavin Graham, Sarah and Kristina Gronborg, and Neil Roof; his great grandchildren, Dustin Roof; Kaitlyn, Kourtney and Kristen Graham; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 11, 2004, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor Benard Daiker officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery.