Bernard L. Jensen, 60

EXIRA – Bernard LeRoy Jensen was born March 29, 1928 to Walter and Carrie Lauridsen Jensen at Exira. He was baptized and confirmed in the Exira Lutheran Church. He attended grade schools in the Exira area.

He married Frances Hoover on July 14, 1946 at Exira. They were engaged in farming in Audubon county until 1960 when they moved to Milaca, MN where they operated a dairy farm for five years. In 1965 they moved to Glenwood, MN where he sold life insurance. He continued selling life insurance at Elk Horn in 1966. He began employment at the Avoca Implement Company in Feb. of 1967. He worked there until his retirement in Feb. of 1988, due to illness. In these 21 years the Jerry Mez family were a very special part of his life. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. He died at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, Sept. 21, 1988 at age 60 years.

He was preceded in death by a son Allen; his parents and grandparents. His survivors include his wife Frances; six children; Ronald of Union Lake, MI; Donald of Cordele, GA; Steven of Union Lake, MI; Karen (Mrs Paul) Petersen of Fort Dodge; Paul of Rochester, IL and Mark of Avoca; eleven grandchildren; three sisters, Thelma Jensen of the Exira Care Center; Elaine (Mrs Clarence) Van Aernam of Exira; Lois (Mrs Harold) Jensen of Carroll; his mother-in-law Pauline Hoover of the Atlantic Care Center in Atlantic and his brother-in-law Herbert Hoover of the Sunshine Home in Atlantic; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Sept. 24, 1988 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Pastor Wendell Berggren, Pastor Walter Behrens and Mr Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Exira cemetery with honorary bearers being Eldon Riesgaard, Eldon Ellerbeck, Gary Hamlin, Lowell Young, Gerald Lorenzen and Stan Thies. Serving as casketbearers were Kenneth Messinger, Richard Johnson, Irwin Andersen, Robert Schuster, Marvin Miller and Ray Heesch.