

Wilbert R. Jacobsen, 87

Dec. 28, 1911 – April 1, 1999

AVOCA – Wilbert Raymond Jacobsen was born Dec. 28, 1911, south of Walnut, son of Fred W. and Anna Stoffels Jacobsen, and was the youngest of six children. When he was five years old his parents bought and moved to a farm south and east of Avoca.

He married Bernice Hansen Aug. 11, 1937, at Atlantic. They started farming south of his parent's farm, a farm which was then owned by John Hancock Insurance Company. They were the parents of three sons, Loren, Wayne and Roger. He operated a Grade A. Guernsey Dairy farm from 1950 to 1977. In 1967, they moved into Avoca. He was involved in work at the English Lutheran Church and later when the churches emerged, they continued their involvement with the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. He served as Township Assessor for many years and served on the R.E.C. board for 25 years. He died April 1, 1999, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 87 years, three months and four days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Otto and Harry; and by three sisters, Mary Stamp, Milda Kohlscheen and Emma Paulsen. He is survived by his wife of over 61 years, Bernice; their children and grandchildren. Loren (Janis) of Adel and their children, Michael, David and Amy; Wayne (Becky) of Avoca and their children, Kevin (Jodi) and Robb (Melissa); Roger (Laura) of West Des Moines and their children, Bradley (Angela); Chad (Carmen), Jonathon and Kera; six great grandchildren, Kasey, Morgan, Mattie, Steven, Nathan and Alec; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 3, 1999, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor Paul Bengton and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Michael Jacobsen, Kevin Jacobsen, Bradley Jacobsen, Jonathon Jacobsen, David Jacobsen, Robb Jacobsen and Chad Jacobsen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.