

Milo R. Johnson, 87

Aug. 22, 1914 – Dec. 17, 2001

BELLA VISTA, AR – Milo Robert Johnson was born to Dorothy (Lauritsen) and Chris Johnson Aug. 22, 1914, at Exira. He was raised on his parents' farm and attended country school in Hamlin Township, Audubon County. Following his schooling, Milo purchased a truck and hired out to area farmers to assist with their trucking needs.

Feb. 26, 1937, he married Christina Swensen at Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan. To this union, four children were born. Following their wedding, the couple settled in Hamlin, where he continued his trucking business. He worked for four years on former Governor Krachel's farm near Audubon, and then farmed for himself on land located six miles south of Irwin, retiring in 1981. Following retirement, they moved to Harlan, where Milo was employed at the Harlan Golf and Country Club and then the Shelby County Landfill. He, again, retired in 1995. He died Dec. 17, 2001, at the Concordia Care Center in Bella Vista, AR, where Milo and Christina had retired six months ago at age 87 years, three months and 25 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Milo is survived by his wife, Christina Johnson of Bella Vista, AR; children, Darrell Johnson (Lois) of Bella Vista, AR; Chuck Johnson of St. Louis Park, MN; Kathleen (Bill) Holthues of Thermopolis, WY and Shelly (Kevin) Smith of DePere, WI; sisters, Erma Anderson of Exira; Vera Anderson of Exira and Violet Paulson of Audubon; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 21, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with the Rev. Roger Crawford officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Eric Smith, Bill Larson, Sean Doyle, Ryan Smith, Ron Johnson, Matt Hagen, Bill Holthues, Curtis Johnson, Brian Johnson and Rodney Johnson casket bearers.