Harlan, Iowa News Advertiser, Fri, January 24, 1997, pg 5 Orvy M. Koos, 82 July 2, 1914 - Dec. 4, 1996

WALNUT - Orvy Marion Koos was born near Walnut July 2, 1914. He was the son of Marx and Minnie Lensch Koos and was one of two children in the family. He attended school in Walnut and gradu ated in 1932.

He married Margaret Albers April 2, 1936, at the Albers family home near Corley. He farmed in the Walnut area and was one of the first farmers to engage in custom farming. They were the parents of three sons. They moved into Walnut in 1948, but he continued to farm. He was a member of the Peace United Church of Christ, served on the fire department for 25 years and served on the committee for the Walnut School Reorganization. He traveled extremely through the United States, including Hawaii. He want fishing in Canada for many years and they spent many of their winters in their home in Alamo, TX. He had the privilege of driving Governor Branstad in his 1912 Model T Ford, on his visit to Walnut in 1991. They moved into Peace Haven Retirement Home in Sept. of 1993. In August of 1996, he becaute a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home where he died Dec. 4, 1996, at age 82 years, five

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife, Margaret; three sons, Wayne Koos (Norma) of Boone; Larry Koos (Betty) of Rockwell City; and Ward Koos (Connie) of Walnut; three great grandsons; one sister, Maxine Johannsen of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7, 1996, at the Peace United Church of Christ, Walnut, with Pastor Doris Ruben officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Casket bearers were Duane Holtz, Bob Klein, Jeffery Koos, Rick Chipman, Rex Thomas and Craig Woltmann. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.