

Harold Karstens, 93

Dec. 3, 1910 - Sept. 16, 2004

HARLAN — Harold LeRoy Karstens was born on a farm northwest of Walnut, Dec. 3, 1910, the oldest of the four children of Hugo and Cora Bell Cushing Karstens. He graduated from Walnut High School with the class of 1928.

Harold married Edna Grace Boettger Nov. 30, 1933. They farmed in the Walnut and Shelby areas until 1941, when they moved to a farm northeast of Avoca. They farmed there until January of 1973 when they retired to Harlan. Harold worked part-time for Wheeler's Farm Service Store the first year. The next seven years he worked part-time at the Coast to Coast Store. After this retirement, he started woodworking - making clocks, cardholders, crosses, and other wood items. He made over 500 clocks and participated in various craft fairs for many years. He and Edna had been married 57 years when she died March 20, 1991. Harold was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Avoca. In 2002, Harold moved to Peace Haven Retirement Center in Walnut and then later resided at Friendship Home in Audubon, where he died Sept. 16, 2004, at age 93 years, nine months and 13 days.

Those preceding Harold in death besides his wife, Edna, were his parents; an infant granddaughter; and three sisters, Beatrice Jensen, LaRene Hill and Marcella Lensch. He is survived by his daughter, Ruth (Doyce) Lockhart of Burbank, WA; his grandson, Zach Lockhart of Burbank, WA; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 21, 2004, at the Graceland Cemetery, Avoca, with Pastor Stephen Gronseth officiating. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.