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Robert Kixmiller, 81

Nov. 14, 1921 - July 5, 2003

AVOCA – Robert Benjamin Kixmiller was born Nov. 14, 1921, on a farm outside of Carson, to Benjamin and Charlotte Leopold Kixmiller. His parents moved to a farm south of Avoca, and he graduated from Hancock High School in 1939. After graduation, he began farming.

He married Bertha Carroll June 2, 1945, at the First Lutheran Church in Avoca. They are the parents of three children, Barbara, Loleta and Robert. Robert was a lifelong farmer and cattleman in Walnut. He served for 17 years on the Walnut School Board. He provided leadership when the Walnut Community School built their new addition. He was honored as a five year 4-H leader of the Layton Livewires, and was an honorary member of the Walnut Future Farmers of America. Robert died July 5, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 81 years, seven months and 20 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his grandson, Kory Vredeveld. He is survived by his wife, Bertha of rural Avoca; his daughters, Barbara (Ron) Vredeveld of Council Bluffs and Loleta (Don) Hansen of Walnut; and his son, Robert (Julie) Kixmiller, also of Walnut; six grandchildren, Michelle (Darren) Tooley of Walnut; Kevin (Kimball) Vredeveld and Brent Hansen and his friend, Melyn Tibbets, all of Omaha, NE; Darrin Hansen; Benjamin Kixmiller; and Breanna Kixmiller of Walnut; three great grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Preston and Zara; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 8, 2003, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor Lou Hoger and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were David Klindt, Everette Carroll, Michelle Tooley, Donald Langer, Breanna Kixmiller and Kimball Vredeveld. Casket bearers were Kevin Vredeveld, Darrin Hansen, Ron Vredeveld, Benjamin Kixmiller, Brent Hansen, Don Hansen and Darren Tooley. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.