

Lawrence Kolterman, 95

Dec. 4, 1904 – April 5, 2000

TENNANT – Lawrence Carl August Kolterman was born on Dec. 4, 1904, at Pierce, NE, son of Robert and Bertha Voecks Kolterman. He was the fourth of twelve children in the family. He attended school at the Zion Lutheran Grade School in Pierce. He grew up on the farm near Pierce and at age 18 he drove 150 miles to Minden with three friends to pick corn. They all went to work for farmers around the Minden area and remained in the surrounding area.

Lawrence married Lillian Arp Sept. 26, 1936 in Omaha, NE. In 1986, they celebrated their 50th anniversary. They lived in the Tennant area for 58 years, 54 years in the same house. Lawrence drove the school bus and worked as janitor for the Tennant Schools. He drove a cattle truck at night and worked in a gas station during the day, before going to work at the school. He also did painting and shingling of houses for local residents. He was a member of the Shelby Lutheran Church. She died June 28, 1994. He became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Center in Harlan, January of 1995. He died April 5, 2000, at the Retirement Center at age 95 years, four months and one day.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lillian; and eight brothers and sisters. He is survived by his three sisters, Wanda (Lloyd) Herbolsheimer of Hader, NE; Emma Kahney of Portland, OR and Nora Ward of Boise, ID; a sister-in-law, Martha (Raymond) Petersen of Harlan; numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services were held April 15, 2000, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Pastor John Swenson officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery.