

Leo Kragelund, 86

Nov. 2, 1916 - Feb. 6, 2003

ELK HORN – Leo Harold Kragelund, son of Peter and Nellie (Sornsen) Kragelund, was born Nov. 2, 1916, near Brayton. He attended rural school near his home and then started farming for a period of 11 years.

Jan. 5, 1937, he married Ethel Johnson at Exira. One daughter, (Felistis) Colleen, was born to this union. Shortly after their marriage, they moved into Elk Horn and Leo started in the International Harvester farm equipment business. He owned and operated that business for 31 years. Most people in the community knew him as the "Fix It Guy." He was very involved with the Elk Horn community where he was a member of the Better Elk Horn Club and Farm Bureau and served on the board of the Marne-Elk Horn Telephone Company for several years. He was also an active member of the First Baptist Church where he had worshipped since birth. Due to failing health, Leo and Ethel became residents of Salem Lutheran Homes. Leo died at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, Feb. 6, 2003, at age 86 years.

Preceding him in death were his daughter, Colleen K. Benson; parents; and sister, Viola Nelson. He is survived by his wife, Ethel Kragelund of Elk Horn; two granddaughters, Jill (Trent) Henson of Houston, TX and Sarah Zabriskie of Monrovia, CA; two great grandchildren, Nathaniel and Alexis; son-in-law, Jack Benson of LaVerne, CA; sister, Vera Nielsen of Irwin; and nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10, 2003, at the Elk Horn Baptist Church with Rev. Don Hoover officiating. Burial was in the Oakfield Baptist Cemetery, southeast of Elk Horn. Casket bearers were Randy Leete, Mike Gibson, Rick Anderson, Kevin Petersen, Brian Gibson and Charlie Christensen. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.