

Harry A. W. Krohn, 79

Feb. 24, 1917 - Jan. 1, 1997

AVOCA - Harry August William Krohn was born Feb. 24, 1917 in Shelby County. He was the son of Ferdinand and Emma Krohn and was one of six children in the family. He attended country school in Shelby County and also one year at Avoca High School, after which he helped his father with the farming operation.

He married Fern Clausen Aug. 6, 1939 in Harlan. To this union two sons were born, Kenneth William and David Lee. He farmed in Pottawattamie and Shelby counties until 1974 when they moved to Harlan. While farming in Shelby County, he also worked 1 1/2 years helping to build Prairie Rose State Park. He worked at Jacobs Tool Company for eight years, retiring in Feb. of 1982. In June of 1982, they moved to their present home in Avoca. He served as a 4-H leader, served on the Grand Jury, was director of a country school, and a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Avoca where he served on the council. He loved music and he played the accordion, mouthharp and organ. He started a band called the "Good Times", and they played together for several years. Harry and Harold Howlett teamed up as the "Old Timers" and they continued to play at nursing homes for several years before Harry's health began to fail. He had been hospitalized numerous times over the past years and Nov. 22, 1996 he entered Colonial Manors Nursing Home. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Jan. 1, 1997 at age 79 years, 10 months and eight days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers; Albert, Emil and Rudy Krohn and by two sisters; Rosie Scheer and Linda Schnepel. He is survived by his wife Fern, their sons; Kenneth (Sherry) of Fort Walton Beach, FL and David (Edwina) of El Paso, TX, eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, a brother-in-law, Gifford Schnepel of Minden, two sisters-in-law, Vera Krohn of Elk Horn and Olga Krohn of Harlan, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 4, 1997 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca with Pastor Paul Bengtson and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery, Avoca. Honorary casket bearers were: John Oehlert, Russell Haworth, Harold Howlett, Leo Nielsen, Charles Moser, Nathan Moser, John Hall and Raymond Holtz. Casket bearers were: Wayne Krohn, Darrell Krohn, Merlin Dau, Ronald Krohn, Harold Krohn and Willis Maassen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

