

John H. Oliver, 93

Jan. 10, 1903 - Sept. 25, 1996

AUDUBON - John H. Oliver, son of Henry Baker and Anna Elizabeth Carroll Oliver, was born Jan. 10, 1903, at his grandmother's home in Leroy Township, Audubon County, and died Sept. 25, 1996 at the Friendship Home in Audubon at age 93 years, eight months and 15 days. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Audubon. He attended rural school Leroy No. 6, and graduated from the Audubon High School with the class of 1921. He then helped on the family farm and helped other farmers.

March 19, 1928, he married Eva Deveda Taylor in Adel. They lived in Audubon their entire married life. He operated a gas truck for several years, worked for a short time at the Audubon Canning Factory and for Lansman Seed and Fertilizer until he retired. Deveda died Nov. 7, 1983. He became a resident of the Friendship Home in Nov. of 1983. He was a member of the Aretas Lodge #396, Odd Fellows Lodge in Audubon.

Preceding him in death in addition to his wife were his daughters, Elizabeth and her husband, Delbert Jensen, and Rebecca Johnston; his parents; his brother, George Oliver, and his sisters, Claribel Oliver and Catherine Porter. Survivors include his son, William (Bill) (Ruth) Oliver of Harlan; his son-in-law, Francis Johnston of Ft. Dodge; 14 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; his sister, Rose Abildtrup, and his sister-in-law, Mabel Oliver of Arizona; one niece, two nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Paul Wilcox (United Methodist Church, Harlan) Sept. 28, 1996, at the Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon. Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Audubon. Honorary casket bearers were members of the Aretas Lodge #396, Odd Fellows Lodge, Audubon. Casket bearers were Bruce Johnston, Bill Oliver, Jeff Jensen, Jim Laver, Larry Blaine, Vern Venteicher, Larry Petersen and Troy Pedersen.