

LaVerne Olsen, 84

Feb. 4, 1921 - Nov. 17, 2005

MANNING — LaVerne, son of Adolph and Nellie (Hansen) Olsen was born Feb. 4, 1921, in Irwin. He attended and graduated from Irwin Community Schools. He worked on the family farm after completing his education.

Sept. 29, 1944, LaVerne married Audrey Cramer at the Lutheran Church in Irwin. They were the parents of two children and made their home in Manning. He worked at the Manning Creamery Company for 26 years until it closed. He then worked in the Department of Agriculture for the State of Iowa until his retirement. LaVerne was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Manning where he served on the Board of Elders, on the finance committee and as an usher. He was a longtime member of the Manning Volunteer Fire Department and served as president of the Manning Municipal Gas Board. He was also on the Terrace Apartments Housing Committee and the Board of Directors for the Community Apartments. During his retirement, he grew a large apple orchard. He entertained school classes on field trips. The children knew him as "the apple man." When his health began to fail, he became a resident of the Manning Plaza Nursing Home. He died Nov. 17, 2005, at the Manning Regional Healthcare Center, at age 84 years, nine months and 13 days.

Preceding LaVerne in death are his parents; two sisters, Bernice Wareburg and Adeline Stolz; and son, Steve Olsen in 1976. His survivors include his wife, Audrey Olsen of Manning; daughter, Kathy (Larry) Clement of Fort Dodge; granddaughter, Kristi (Jeremy) Humpal of Indianapolis, IN; three sisters, Eleanor Benson of Harlan, Maxine Browning of Harlan and Gilma (Donald) Bornholdt of Solon Springs, WI; two sisters-in-law, Pauline Graves of Manning and Madlyn Younie of Manilla; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 21, 2005, at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning with Rev. Patrick R. Sparling and Rev. Daniel Vogel officiating. Burial was in the Manning Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Virgil Carter, Alvin Armentrout, Wilbert Lussman, Earl Pfannkuch, Clarence Bowers, Robert Kruse and Duane Monson. Casket bearers were Edwin Benson, Tom Volquartsen, Randy Younie, Ken Spies, Dan Volquartsen and Bill Reid. Ohde Funeral Home in Manning in charge of arrangements.