

Henry John Plagman, 84

Jan. 25, 1909 — June 16, 1993

IRWIN — Henry John Plagman, son of Christian and Meta Fahrenkrog Plagman was born Jan. 25, 1909 near Redline. He died June 16, 1993 at the Manning General Hospital, at age 84 years, 4 months and 22 days. He was baptized April 16, 1909 at Evanual Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, and confirmed in the United Lutheran Church at Shelby. He attended school in Hancock and Kirkman areas and worked on area farms. When he was 13 years old, a kerosene lamp exploded and burned him and his father. He spent 16 weeks and his father 12 weeks in the hospital.

Sept. 5, 1934, he married Margaret Kay at Co. Bluffs. They were the parents of 4 children. After their marriage he worked for Walter and Etta Scheel for a time, then became employed by Mrs Bernard Cox of Tennant. In 1937, they began farming in the Shelby and Guthrie county areas, then returned to a farm near Irwin, until 1974, when they retired and moved into Irwin where he worked part time for Gruhn Seed Co. in Manilla. After the death of his wife Nov. 18, 1991, he continued residing in his home in Irwin. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin and an honorary member of the Corley Community Club.



He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; two brothers, Harold and LeRoy; one sister, Velma Lamp; a son-in-law, Ray Warren. Surviving are his children, Marilyn (Leslie) Burger, Harlan; Frances (Merle) Bettcher of Harlan; Wayne Plagman (Karen) of Irwin; and Ruth Warren of Elkhorn, NE.; 9 grandchildren; 1 foster grandchild; 9 great-grandchildren; 8 step-great-grandchildren; 1 step-great-great-grandchild; 4 sisters, Dorothy Mulligan, Defiance; Irene Long, Co. Bluffs; Alice Wyant, St. Joseph, MO.; Ada Meyers, Guthrie Center; 2 brothers, Christian Plagman Jr. and Earl Plagman, both