

Russell LaVerne Pedersen, 80

Aug. 29, 1917 - June 21, 1998

BRANSON, MO - Russell LaVerne Pedersen, son of Holger N. and Agnetta (Jorgensen) Pedersen, was born Aug. 29, 1917, in Audubon County. He graduated from Kirkman Consolidated School and farmed in Shelby County for many years. He was one of the first area farmers to adopt contour farming. After moving to Forsyth, MO in 1970, Russell continued farming, and later worked at the Plantation Hills Nursing Home in Forsyth. He became a resident of Plantation Hills Nursing Home in the early 1980's. He died June 21, 1998, in Branson, MO, at the age of 80 years, nine months and 23 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents. Survivors include two sisters, Esther E. Olson of Ames and Bernice Johnson of York, PA, and two brothers, Ralph Pedersen of Canby, MN and Clifford Pedersen of Harlan.

A memorial service was held July 25, 1998, at the Burmeister Funeral Home with Pastor Jon Benson of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Harlan officiating. Burial of the ashes was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton.