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Ferdinand H. Thiesen, 73

MANILLA – Ferdinand, son of Henry and Hulda Lueth Thiesen, was born Nov. 3, 1915 near Denison. The family moved to the Manilla area where he attended school, graduating with the Manilla High School class of 1934.

June 4, 1941 he married Wilma Anderson. Three daughters, Helen, Barbara and Phyllis were born to this union. They farmed near Manilla for 28 years at which time they moved to Manilla and he was employed by the Rasmussen Lumber Company, retiring in 1980. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Manilla. He had been ill since March of this year and died May 16, 1989 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Harlan, at age 73 years, 6 months and 13 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Wilma of Manilla; three daughters, Helen Thiesen of Independence; Barbara (Mrs Donovan) Ellis of Pierce, NE.; and Phyllis (Mrs Mark) Harlow of Des Moines and two grandsons.

Services were held May 19, 1989 at Ohde Funeral Home, Manilla with Pastors Sushil Joseph and Frank Christ officiating. Burial in Nishnabotna cemetery, Manilla with Lloyd Cadwell, Harold Olson Sr., Leonard Jones, Gale Steinhoff, Ross Cadwell and Daniel Hansen as casketbearers.