

P. Emil Vithen, 90

July 7, 1907 - June 1, 1998

KIMBALLTON - Paul Emil Vithen, son of Andrew and Dorthea Jensen Vithen, was born July 7, 1907, at Poplar. He died June 1, 1998, at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, at age 90. He grew up in the Poplar area. He attended country school at Mt. Zion and Jackson No. 1. He worked as a hired man for area farmers.

Nov. 15, 1935, he married Alice Larsen at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha. After their marriage, he worked for his brother-in-law, James Nelson, for one year. They moved to Kimballton, and he worked for the Thomas Jessen Produce as a route man, picking up eggs and cream from farmers in the area. He also was janitor at Landmands National Bank in Kimballton for a few years. In 1940, he went to work at the Crystal Springs Creamery and worked there until his retirement in 1971. He lived in his home until he broke his hip in December of 1996, and moved to the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home. In March of 1997, he moved to the retirement home until one week ago when he moved back to the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice in 1994; one sister, Oda Martens; one brother, John; a half brother, Tony Lindstrom; two half sisters, Margaret Petersen and Esther Nelson. He is survived by a sister, Sadie Hanson of Harlan; sisters-in-law, Jessie Vithen of Harlan and Loraine Larsen of Kimballton; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services were held June 5, 1998, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton, with Rev. Jean Morse officiating. Burial was in the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery, Kimballton, at a later date. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.