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## Ed M. Damgaard, 89

**WALNUT** — Ed Martin Damgaard, son of Christian and Karen Nelson Damgaard, was born at his parents' home near Oakland on Dec. 20, 1897. He was the youngest of five children in the family.

He married Mabel Henricksen on May 29, 1923 at Atlantic. They farmed 180 acres south of Walnut, where he raised Belgian horses and Shorthorn cattle. Six sons were born to the couple. From 1946 until 1955 they also ran a restaurant called "The Annex" in Walnut. In 1967, they retired and moved to Walnut, where he gardened, raised flowers and tended a large yard. In 1983, they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at a restaurant.

In Jan. of 1986, both were in failing health and they moved to the Independence care center at Independence to be closer to family members. He died Jan. 31, 1987 at age 89 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Merlyn and Dewayne in infancy; two sisters, Carrie Hess and Emma Hansen and two brothers, Hans and Mike. He is survived by his wife, Mabel; four sons, LaVerne of Kalamazoo, MI.; Earl of Auston, TX.; Eldon of Independence and Darrell of Milwaukee, WI.; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchild; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 4, 1987 at Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home in Walnut with Rev. Harvey Beach of the Walnut Presbyterian church, officiating. Bearers were Jeff Damgaard, Scott Damgaard, George O'Bradovich, David Damgaard, Joe Buda and Rick McFerran. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery at Harlan.