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*Harley, Ida Maassen*  
**Earl Davis, 78**

**May 5, 1921 – March 25, 2000**

**WALNUT** – Earl Lester Davis was born in Lincoln Township, Pottawattamie County, May 5, 1921, son of Harley Earl and Ida Maassen Davis, and was one of five children in the family. He attended country school and graduated from the Walnut High School in 1939. After graduation he drove trucks and worked for the Walnut Telephone Company until dedicating his work life to farming the land and caring for all the animals, especially his Charolais cattle.

He married Arlene Pattee Aug. 22, 1946, at the Pattee family home near Hancock. They were the parents of three daughters, Connie, Barbara and Janice. Together they farmed the Davis Century Farm where he was born and lived until his death. He was a Lincoln Township trustee for many years. He sold DeKalb Seed Corn. He was a longtime member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. He died March 25, 2000, at the Cass County Memorial Hospital at age 78 years, 10 months and 20 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Eugene. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Arlene Davis; his daughters, Connie (Kyle) Eichhorn of Omaha, NE; Barbara (Les) Licklider of Boone and Janice (Brian) Wiersema of Cherokee; two grandchildren, Jon and Jana Eichhorn; three sisters, Elva Willis and Dorthea Petersen, both of Atlantic; Shirley (Delmar) Nielsen of Co. Bluffs; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 28, 2000, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor John Rinde and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Paul Voggesser, Dallas Brix, Richard VonHagel, Floyd Knop, Daryll Peterson and Russell Ronnfeldt. Casket bearers were Thomas Pattee, Daniel Nielsen, John Pattee, Brian Petersen, Charles Pattee and Kurt Pattee. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.