

**Orvie Fischer, 96**

**Oct. 6, 1912 - Nov. 5, 2008**

**AVOCA** — Orvie Emil Edward Fischer was born on October 6, 1912 to Emil and Augusta (Retz) Fischer on his Grandfather Fischer's farm in Monroe Township, Shelby, County. He was second of four children. In 1917 the family moved to a farm south-east of Marne. He attended school at Brighton Township #8. It was a new school, it had a full basement, furnace and a coal room. When Orvie was about ten years old he started taking music lessons. Many kids in the area took advantage to do so from the traveling music teacher. Soon the Marne Band was formed. They played at the Band Station on Main Street in Marne on Wednesday evenings. They even traveled to some other area towns to play. The Fischer holidays were spent at Grandpa Fischer's house in Walnut. Eleven grandsons were born before any granddaughters arrived. In 1930 the family moved from Marne to northwest of Avoca. They farmed there until 1933 when they moved into Avoca. Orvie was already driving a truck for Burgin, then Sarvis and finally Jacobsen Brothers. In 1931 Orvie was confirmed at the First Lutheran Church in Avoca.



March 2, 1938, Orvie was united in marriage to Alta Kohlscheen. Rev. Joseph Gerlt was the minister. To that union four daughters were born: Sandra, Sharell, Lucinda and Orvetta. After his marriage he began farming with his father-in-law Gustav Kohlscheen. In 1941 they had terraces built. They were always interested in soil conservation. Orvie and Alta were very active in Farm Bureau work. Orvie traveled many places with Alta and her Farm Bureau work. Three times they traveled to Germany to visit relatives, 1977, 1985 and 1990. After retirement Orvie spent a good deal of time caring for the orchard, mowing or pushing snow. In January 2004 he moved to Peace Haven in Walnut and in October 2006 he moved to Oakland Manor Nursing Home where he died on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 having attained the age of ninety-six years and thirty days.

Orvie is preceded in death by his wife Alta in February 2002, daughter Sandra, his parents, father-in-law and mother-in-law, two grandsons: Jeffery Fritz and Brian Cobb, sister, Lillian Winberg, brothers: Vernon and Clifford. Survivors include his daughters: Sharell and her husband Gene Fritz of Oakland, IA; Lucinda and her husband Steve Ozdoba of Suffern, NY and Orvetta and her husband Harry Priest of Harlan, IA; ten grandchildren; nineteen great grandchildren; son-in-law William Cobb of Downers Grove, IL; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at 2:30 PM at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, IA with Pastor Dennis

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Reich as the clergy and Wayne Paulsen as the Eulogist. Serving as casket bearers were Greg Fritz, Guthrey Fritz, Jonathan Ozdoba, Joel Priest, Rick Lewis, Chris Krause, Rob Kilbury, Dean Monahan and Dan Huff. Flower Committee was Charlene Shaw and Sandra Fritz. Burial was held at the Graceland Cemetery, Avoca, IA.

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