

Harold Hansen, 90

Sept. 9, 1918 - April 16, 2009

WALNUT — Harold Emmert Hansen was born on September 9, 1918, in rural Walnut to Henry and Emma (Scheef) Hansen. He was baptized at Evangelical Lutheran Church in Walnut and graduated from Walnut High School with the Class of 1936.

January 22, 1942, he was united in marriage to Mary Martin at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Walnut. Harold was drafted into the United States Army and left on his birthday in 1942, three months before his first daughter was born. In addition to Judith Ann, sons Jerry and Ronald and daughter Rosemary were born to their union. Harold's military service included tours in North Carolina, California, the Pacific combat area of Attu, Kiska in the Aleutian Islands, Kwajalein, Atoll, Leyte, the Philippines, and Okinawa. After being wounded in action in Okinawa, Harold was honorably discharged on October 16, 1945, and returned home to farm. In 1959, the family bought an acreage on the edge of Walnut and Harold took up carpenter work and also worked for Mary's brother, Carl. Harold built several grandfather clocks and lamps and has remodeled many kitchens and bathrooms over the years. He was always the man that the antique dealers turned to when they needed parts or an item to be repaired. He always got them looking like the original! Harold also worked as a substitute mail carrier for twenty years and was active in the church. In addition to his woodworking hobby, he liked to travel. Harold died at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, on Thursday, April 16, 2009, having attained the age of ninety years, seven months, and seven days.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Norman Hansen, sister Lavina Hansen, and half-sisters Henrietta Greve and Ardelle Andersen. He is survived by his wife of sixty-seven years Mary Hansen of Walnut; his children: Judith and her husband Delbert Brehmer of Council Bluffs, Jerry Hansen of Walnut, Ronald Hansen and his wife Nancy of Walnut, and Rosemary and her husband Bill Steinkamp of Bellingham, WA; seven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; half brothers Merle Hansen and his wife Ardell of Brayton, and Donald Hansen and his wife Luella of Walnut; nieces and nephews, other family members, and many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, April 18, 2009, with Father John Frost celebrating the 10:30 AM service at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Walnut. Casket bear-



ers were Brad Petersen, Bill Steinkamp, Chad Hansen, Sunita Boyer, Shalee Hansen, Jay Brehmer, and Jeff Brehmer. Military Rites were held at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Walnut.

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