

## **Gordon Hess, 88**

*Jan. 23, 1913 - April 9, 2001*

**AYRSHIRE** - Gordon Lars Hess was born Jan. 23, 1913, to Chris Hess and Mildred Thompson Hess in rural Shelby County near Harlan. He attended school at Prairie Rose #9 in Shelby County.

He married Dora Christensen July 12, 1933, in Shelby County. They moved to Cylinder in 1937, where they farmed from 1937 to 1963. They then moved to Ayrshire where they farmed from 1963 to 1965. He worked at Mefferd's in Laurens for 15 years. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Ruthven and was a past member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Depew. He died April 9, 2001, at the Emmetsburg Care Center at age 88.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Evelyn Thomas. He is survived by his wife, Dora Hess of Ayrshire; his children, Gaylen (Carqyn) Hess of Onawa; Sandra Hess of West Des Moines; and Lonna Hess of Ayrshire; two grandchildren, Christopher (Kristin) Hess and Stephanie (Dennis) Struve; and one great grandchild, MacKenzie Struve; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 12, 2001, at the Martin-Mattice Funeral Home in Emmetsburg, with Rev. Luther Thoresen officiating. Casket bearers were Tim Rouse, Stan Rouse, Jerry Williams, Tim Christensen, Kevin Christensen and Gene Larsen. Burial was in the Silver Lake Cemetery in Ayrshire.