

Francis Malcom, 93

March 8, 1913 - May 10, 2006

COON RAPIDS — Francis Orville, son of Orville and Cora (Gordon) Malcom, was born March 8, 1913, near Sidney in Fremont County. He attended Sidney schools through the tenth grade at which time his help was needed on the family farm.

Dec. 24, 1935, Francis married Helen Edgerton at Sidney. Five children were born to this union. They lived in Tabor for a number of years before moving to a farm near Red Oak. They farmed from 1938 until 1960 when he started in the John Deere Implement dealership in Coon Rapids. Helen died Nov. 22, 1975. Francis retired after 17½ years affiliated with John Deere.

Francis married Pauline M. Olesen Aug. 28, 1976, in Perry. They wintered in Texas for many years. Pauline died Jan. 30, 2000. He was a longtime member of Ascension Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids. Due to failing health, he became a resident of Thomas Rest Haven Nursing Home in Coon Rapids July 6, 2000. He died there May 10, 2006, at age 93 years, two months and two days.

Francis was preceded in death by his two wives and parents; two sons, Lowell Oliver Malcom and Carroll Dean Malcom; brother, Kenneth Malcom; sister, Naomi Richardson; and step-granddaughter, Holly Powers. He is survived by three children, Betty Powers (Rón) of Harlan; Gary Malcom and Lois Crook of Boone; and Allan Malcom (Rita) of Coon Rapids; six grandchildren, Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek (Fred) of Omaha; Julie Maxwell of Omaha; Jeanette Nichols (John) of Tulsa, OK; Scott Malcom (Shannon) of Web City, MO; Allison Langel (Dave) of Coon Rapids and Nathan Malcom (Anna) of Maple River; two step-grandchildren, Jennifer Hernandez (Jeff) of Harlan and Philip Powers of Hancock; seven great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; brother, Dale Malcom (Mary) of Randolph; two sisters, Ruth Fichter of Tabor and Marjorie White (Russell) of Shenandoah; sister-in-law, Harriet Malcom of Tabor; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 13, 2006, at Ascension Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids, with Rev. Vic Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Union Township Cemetery in Coon Rapids, with Joe Shirbroun, Jeff Shirbroun, Jim Honold and Stan Janssen honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek, Julie Maxwell, Jeanette Nichols, Scott Malcom, Allison Langel and Nathan Malcom. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.