

Ernest Mohr, 92

Aug. 4, 1913 - Dec. 11, 2005

AVOCA — Ernest Walter Mohr was born Aug. 4, 1913, 5.5 miles southeast of Avoca, the second son of John Henry and Laura Augusta Lydia Kallsen Mohr. He was baptized Aug. 9, 1914, by Pastor E. O. Potratz at Big Springs, NE (home of Ernest's mother). Baptismal sponsors were (Uncle) Walter Kallsen, (Aunt) Alma Kallsen, and (Grandfather) Johann Mohr. He was confirmed March 31, 1929, at the First Lutheran Church at Avoca by Pastor E. A. Kurtz.

Feb. 14, 1942, Ernest married Leona Emma Krems of Big Springs, NE in the Zion Lutheran Church. Witnesses were Vernon Krems (Leona's brother) and Frances Mohr (Ernest's sister). Ernest was inducted into the Army at Fort Crook, NE, Oct. 13, 1942. During World War II, he spent about two and one half years at Fort Riley, KS and six months at Camp Campbell, KY before being sent to serve in Germany. Ernest served in the U. S. Army's 20th Armored Division. This division helped in the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp. Ernest was honorably discharged in January, 1946. In 1947, their son, Darrell Ernest, was born. Except for time out for the war, Ernest farmed all of his life. His father, John, died when he was 11 years old. Along with his mother, older brother, William Henry, younger brother, John Melvin, and younger sister, Frances Irene, they kept the farm going. He share cropped from 1946 until he and Leona bought their farm in 1965 five miles northeast of Avoca. He died Dec. 11, 2005, at the Immanuel Fontenelle Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Omaha, NE at age 92 years, four months and seven days.

Ernest was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, his two brothers, William and Melvin, and his wife, Leona. He is survived by his son, Darrell (Christine) of Omaha, NE; grandchildren, Darren William of Seattle, WA; Amber Stephanie (Jeremy) Hall of Lincoln, NE; and Laura Julianne, who is attending college in Lincoln, NE; his sister, Frances Johnson of Big Springs, NE; nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 15, 2005, at Trinity Lutheran Church with Rev. Duane Anunson officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Orvie Fischer and Mervin Schaff. Casket bearers were Jeff Mohr, Gene Mohr, Dan Zaretsky, Harley Spencer, Gary Paulsen, Neil Johnson, Gary Mohr and John Krems. Burial was held in the Graceland Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, in charge of arrangements.