

Clarence W. Nelson, 83

KIMBALLTON - Clarence W. Nelson was born Jan. 14, 1905 in Jackson Twp., Shelby County, two miles south of Jacksonville. His parents were Nels A. and Carrie (Mattsen) Nelson. The family lived and farmed in the Poplar and Fiscus areas. In 1918 they moved to Coon Rapids in Guthrie County. In 1939 they moved to the Tom Mardesen farm near Exira. He was drafted into the U.S. Army during WW II when he was 37 years old. In 1942, he bought a home and acreage within the town of Kimballton west on highway # 44.

He married Viola Kraglund on Aug. 23, 1944. They lived on the farm until 1972 when they built a new home in Kimballton where they have resided for 15 years since Oct. 12, 1973. He was the janitor of the Kimballton school for 11 years, has sold DeKalb Seed and Morman Feed, has operated road equipment for Audubon county, besides farming. He was converted in July, 1944 and became a baptized member of the First Baptist Church in Elk Horn where he has been an active member having held several offices in the church. He has also served as janitor of that church. He died Nov. 20, 1988 at the Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn at the age of 83 years, having been a resident there for a short while.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, John and Arthur. He is survived by his wife, Viola of Kimballton; three adopted children, Terry Nelson of Kimballton; Darrell Nelson of Dysart and Roxanne Carlson of Rosalie, NE; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Helen Brumback of Glidden and Ethel Smouse of Coon Rapids; one brother, Sam Nelson of Ostrander, MN and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Nov. 23, 1988 in the First Baptist Church in Elk Horn with Pastor Michael Marcum officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran cemetery, Kimballton. Honorary casketbearers were Arnold Westphalen, Roland Petersen, Carl Norgaard, Herbert Nelson, LaVerne Nelson, Marion Olsen, Harold Richards, Harvey Sorensen and casket bearers were Bradley Nelson, Brian Nelson, Darrell II Nelson, Eugene Larsen, Richard Andersen and Don Nelson. Kaltoft Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.