

## **Raymond Nelson, 82**

*Dec. 4, 1917 – Sept. 14, 2000 ✓*

**ELK HORN** – Raymond John, son of John F. and Alvera Johansen Nelson, was born Dec. 24, 1917, on the family farm east of Elk Horn, in Audubon County. His mother died when he was three and his father, John, subsequently raised his brothers and him. He attended rural school near his home and at age 12 moved to Florida with his father. He worked with his father as a gardener. Following his father's unexpected death, he went to live with some neighbors. In 1979, Raymond returned to Elk Horn, and became a resident of Salem Lutheran Homes. Sept. 14, 2000, Raymond died suddenly and unexpectedly at Salem Lutheran Homes at age 82 years, eight months and 21 days.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Emery Nelson and his wife Virginia and Leonard Nelson. He is survived by a niece, Judy (Larry) Patten of Harlan; a great nephew, Alan Patten (Stacy) and their children, A.J. and Jacob, of Orlando, FL; a great niece, Amy Jo (Bruce) Placke of Manhattan, NY; a special friend, Velma Olsen of Salem Lutheran Homes in Elk Horn; and by cousins.

Funeral services were held Sept. 18, 2000, at the Hansen Chapel, Salem Lutheran Homes with Pastor Michael Williams and Celeste Waymire, AIM officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.