

Elmer Nielsen, 76

Feb. 2, 1922 - June 18, 1998 ✓

AUDUBON - Elmer John Nielsen, son of Rasmus and Alma Christina Marie Peters Nielsen, was born Feb. 2, 1922, on his parents' farm in Shelby County near Irwin, and died June 18, 1998, at the Audubon County Memorial Hospital at age 76 years, four months and 16 days. He was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. He attended school in Irwin and rural school in Clay Township. Elmer worked as a farm hand for several years. He was inducted into the United States Navy in 1944. During his tour of duty he was stationed in Tennessee. He was honorably discharged in July of 1946. He returned to farming and later in 1950 farmed with his brother, Marvin.

June 21, 1952 he married Patricia Teter at the Methodist Church in Coon Rapids. Elmer continued farming until 1979 then operated a bulldozer for Hallett Construction for several years. He returned to farming for Paul Mennenoh until he retired in 1994 due to ill health. He was a member of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Audubon and of the Farm Bureau.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his father-in-law, Bethal Teter; his brothers, Virgil J. Nielsen and Donald Lee Nielsen; his sister, Alice Winther; and his brother-in-law, Maurice Teter. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Nielsen of Audubon; his daughter, Rita Kay Nielsen of Grimes; his grandchildren, Tyler Lee Wurzer and Cullen Joseph Wurzer both of Grimes; his brothers and sisters, Marvin (Laurel) Nielsen and Irene Hansen all of Audubon; Donna (Glenn) Byriel of Boone; Mary Jane (John) Steenhusen of Irwin; Janell (Jeff) Roberts of Exira and Jean (Fred) Loudenslager of Holdridge, NE; his brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Darlene Wilson of Des Moines; Gene Teter of Littleton, CO; Kenneth (Gladys) Teter of Coon Rapids; Donna (Carl) Bylund of Avoca; DeWayne (Rose) Teter of Ogden; Harold Winther of Elk Horn; Richard (Faby) Teter of Arroyo Hondo, NM; Jo-ann Knowles of Ft. Dodge; and Sharon Crissey of Ottumwa; his mother-in-law, Opal I. Teter of Coon Rapids; his aunts, Anna Petersen of Harlan and Vernona Pederson of Esterville; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Walter J. Kukkonen June 22, 1998, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Audubon. Burial was in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Audubon. Honorary casket bearers were Gene Mennenoh, Paul Mennenoh, Steve Nielsen and Paul Steenhusen. Casket bearers were Brian Byriel, Mitch Hansen, Dan Mennenoh, Tom Mennenoh, Kevin Schlichte, Jr. Teter, Merle Teter and Shane Teter. Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon in charge of arrangements.