

Bert Niklasen, 89

Oct. 28, 1917 - Oct. 10, 2007

KIMBALLTON — Bert Cameron, son of Peter and Minnie (Christensen) Niklasen, was born Oct. 28, 1917, at home in Audubon County. He grew up on the family farm near Anita. Bert was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith early in life. He attended country school and graduated from Adair High School in 1935.

March 18, 1937, Bert married Helen Turner at the Lutheran Parsonage in Adair. They farmed near Anita for one year before moving to the present family farm near Kimballton where they raised their four children. He was a farmer all his life. He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church where he served on the church council and was the bell ringer for over 50 years. After the death of his wife in 1999, Bert remained on the farm. He suffered a fall Oct. 1, 2007 just after he had finished combining his beans for the year. He never fully recovered from the fall and died Oct. 10, 2007, at Myrtue Medical Center in at age 89 years, 11 months and 12 days.

Preceding Bert in death are his parents; wife; brother-in-law, Lars Larsen; and niece, Anne Madsen. He is survived by his four children, Doris (John) Schuning of Harlan; Myrna (Fred) Anthony of Pella; Jean (Richard) Woods of Trenton, MO; and Dale Niklasen (Betty) of Kimballton; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; sister, Emma Larsen of Audubon; brother-in-law, Neil Turner (Norma) of Atlantic; three sisters-in-law, Sarah (Frank) Forsyth of California; Rachael Mueller of California; and Mary Lopez of Arizona; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 13, 2007, at the Bethany Lutheran Church with Pastor Tony E. Ede officiating. Burial was in the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Janelle Musfeldt, Paige Doyle, Toni Larson, Bobbie Jo Kraszewski, Heather DeJong, and Kristi Niklasen. Casket bearers were Craig Schuning, Trent Schuning, David Niklasen, Scott Woods, Dean Niklasen, Derek Niklasen, Mark Anthony, and Dain Niklasen. Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.