

Arnold Frederick Rock, 94

Oct. 9, 1899 - March 18, 1994

Avoca - Arnold Frederick Rock was born in Pleasant Township, Pottawattamie County Oct. 9, 1899. He was the third child of Henry V. Rock and Bertha Plautz Rock. He was one of 12 children. He attended country school and Avoca Community School.

He married Eloise Guensche Feb. 18, 1931 at the Lutheran Church in Avoca. They made their home on a farm near Avoca. They were the parents of one son, Herbert. In 1951 they moved to Avoca. He never really retired from farming. He spent most days at the farm helping with the work or tending his garden. He served as Director of Botna Valley #4 and also served as Secretary of the Knox Township School Board. He was confirmed in the German Lutheran Church and a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church. He entered the Atlantic Care Center Feb. 5, 1990 and moved to Colonial Manor in Avoca March 17, 1993. He died March 18, 1994 at the Colonial Manors Nursing Home in Avoca, at age 94 years, 5 months and 9 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters; Ella Sieh, Alma Pattee, Lola Carroll, Bertha Boettger Jacobsen and Ina Burmeister, four brothers; Leonard, Herbert, Carl and Oscar. He is survived by his wife Eloise, son Herbert Rock (Patricia) of Avoca, four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, two sisters; Hilda Krummel and Edna McKinny, Avoca, a sister-in-law, Ruth Rock of Avoca, brother-in-law, Raymond Burmeister, of Avoca, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 22, 1994 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca with Pastor Keith Sievers officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Honorary casket bearers were: Dave Boettger, Mike Krummel, John Pattee and Darrell Jacobsen. Casket bearers were: Dave Burmeister, Douglas Burmeister, Richard McKinny, Lon Nelsen, Ron McKinny and Alan Sieh. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.