

Elmer Rehder, 95

May 1, 1908 - Sept. 5, 2003

CEDAR RAPIDS – Elmer August Rehder, the son of August and Anna Marie (Poschwatta) Rehder, was born May 1, 1908, in Harlan. He attended Harlan Schools. For a time he helped his father on the family farm, located five miles west of Harlan on Cemetery Road.

Elmer married Anna Marie Wigness June 14, 1931, in Harlan. The couple farmed west of Harlan for two years and moved into Harlan in 1933. In 1939, they moved to Cedar Rapids, where he worked as a tool and die maker at Collins Radio. He was employed there for over 30 years. Upon his retirement in 1971, they moved to Horseshoe Bend, AR. Anna Marie died May 21, 1983. Elmer remained in Horseshoe Bend until 1995, when he returned to Cedar Rapids. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. He was also a member of the Marion (Iowa) Lions Club. He died Sept. 5, 2003, at Garnett Place Assisted Living in Cedar Rapids, at age 95 years, four months and four days.

Preceding Elmer in death were his parents; his wife, Anna Marie Rehder; and one son, Donald Rehder. He is survived by two sons, Carroll (JoEllen) Rehder of Marion, and Larry (Janice) Rehder of Binghamton, NY; one daughter, Marilyn (Roger) Kruger of Omaha, NE; seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9, 2003, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids, with Rev. James Adix and Rev. Roger Kruger officiating. A prayer service was held at the Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home Sept. 12, 2003, with Rev. Roger Kruger officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Cedar Memorial Funeral Home in Cedar Rapids and Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.