

Leslie Sahl, 95

Nov. 15, 1912 - Feb. 12, 2008

DENISON — Leslie Johann Christian Sahl was born November 15, 1912, the son of Arthur and Margaret Lange Sahl. He died Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison, IA at the age of ninety-five.

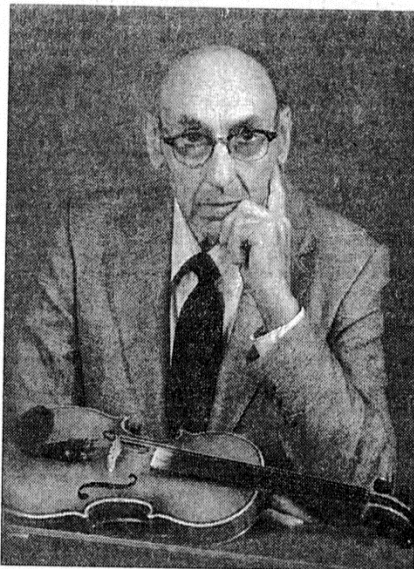
Leslie was born in Goodrich Township, Crawford County, IA. He was baptized in Christ on February 16, 1913, and was confirmed April 10, 1927, at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison, IA. He received his education in Goodrich No. 4 school near his home, and also at Zion Lutheran School in Denison. Leslie farmed during his life, and was an advocate for soil conservation long before

others thought it was necessary. He was a self-taught musician and luthier who, at the age of ten, learned to play the violin by ear, and later, learned to read music. In addition to playing violin himself, Leslie taught many students to play throughout his life, and on September 3, 2000, he was inducted into the America's Old Time Fiddlers Hall of Fame, an honor of which he was proud. He enjoyed his working as a luthier, crafting his own violins.

January 8, 1939, Leslie was united in marriage to Magda Ludeman. The couple made their home on the farm and were blessed with the birth of five children. He was a strong believer of doing unto others as you would want them to do unto you. He related to his children many stories about what he did when he was a boy and worked with his dad on the farm and the respect he had for his parents. He loved his family and grandchildren very much and enjoyed having his family sitting around the kitchen table and having a "round table" discussion. In his spare time, Leslie enjoyed reading, politics, and history. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Denison, their Men's Club, was a Zion Lutheran Church Elder, and a member of the Golden K's.

Leslie was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Magda; one sister, Mildred Ronner and her husband, Roger; one nephew Terry Ronner; one great-granddaughter, Katherine Ann Bissen; and one brother-in-law, Vernon Haase. He is survived by his children, Luana Doughty and her husband, Marlan of Des Moines, IA; Kenneth and his wife, Kathleen of Hartford, WI; Connie Schwieso and her husband, Roger of Harlan, IA; and Linda Joslin and her husband, Lowell of Indianola, IA; Wayne of Denison; nine grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; his sister, Lillian Haase of Denison; several nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 15, 2008 at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison, IA. Rev. Kurt Kaiser and Rev. David Sewing officiated the services and graveside rites held at Oakland Cemetery in Denison. Organist Jeanette Venzke provided accompaniment for the congregational hymn "Softly and Tenderly." Vocalist Eldon Hardekopf provided the service music "The Old Rugged Cross," and "How Great Thou Art." Those serving as Honorary Pallbearers were Shawn Corbin, Delbert Bissen, Ben Reiber, April Sahl, Mike Case, Lance Grummert, Brian Buttrey, and Lisa Hodne. Those serving as pallbearers were Kelly Grummert, Fletcher Sahl, Trent Hodne, Amy Corbin, Erica Case, Jason Sahl, Kristy Buttrey, Wendy Reiber, and Jill Bissen. The family invited everyone in attendance to join them for fellowship and lunch served by the Zion Ladies Aid.



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