

## Alden Stamp, 86

June 25, 1923 - Dec. 9, 2009

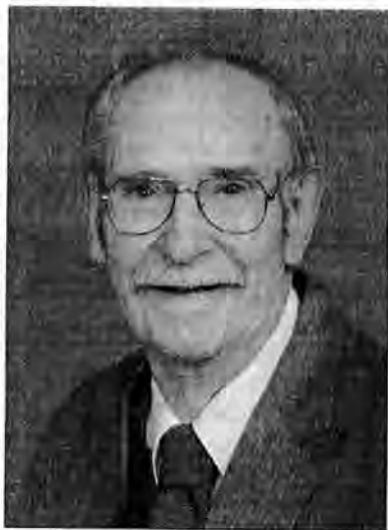
**HARLAN** — Alden Herman Stamp, son of Herman and Anna Dortha (Martens) Stamp, was born on June 25, 1923, in Persia. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Persia and attended Burner Hill Country School southwest of Persia. June 3, 1925, Alden's family farm was hit by a tornado. It took all the buildings except the house.

January 15, 1951, Alden was united in marriage to Ella Horstmeyer at St. John's Evangelical Church in Council Bluffs. Two sons were born to this union: Jerry and Steve. After their wedding, Alden and Ella made their home southwest of Persia where Alden rented 160 acres of farm ground.

Alden was a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia. In 1982, Alden and Ella retired from farming and moved into Persia. In 2004, they moved into Harlan. Alden died on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at Elm Crest Retirement Community in Harlan, having attained the age of eighty-six years, five months, and fourteen days.

Alden is preceded in death by his parents and his brother Wesley. He is survived by his wife, Ella, of Harlan; their sons Jerry Stamp and his wife Diane of Avoca and Steve Stamp of Persia; two grandchildren: Jerod Stamp and his wife Margaret and Jordan Stamp; one great-granddaughter, Joslyn; other family members and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 12, 2009, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Persia, with Rev. Duane Anunson officiating the 2:00 PM service. Interment was held at Valley View Cemetery in Persia with Bob Stuhr, Quentin Hoffman, and Bob Kuster acting as honorary casket bearers. Serving as casket bearers were: Jerod Stamp, Jordan Stamp, Max Handbury, Brett Holtz, Dan Garrison, and Bruce Holtz.



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