

Deryl D. Williams, 76

Feb. 5, 1920 - March 13, 1996

EXIRA - Deryl D. Williams, the son of William E. and Mary (Molly) Slaven Williams, was born on his parents' farm near Portsmouth and died at the Audubon County Memorial Hospital March 13, 1996 at age 76 years, one month and eight days. He was baptized at the Exira Lutheran Church. He attended rural schools near Portsmouth. He then moved to the Exira area to help his uncle, John Slaven farm. He enlisted in the army Sept. 19, 1942. During his tour of duty he served in the European Theater. He was honorably discharged Oct. 29, 1945.

Nov. 14, 1945 he married Virginia Simonsen in Co. Bluffs. They lived in the Denver, CO area for a short time then returned to Exira where he was employed by the Exira Auto Service as a mechanic. He worked as a mechanic until he retired due to ill health. She died Jan. 31, 1986. He was a member of the Exira Lutheran Church and long-time member of the Exira Fire Department where he had served as Fire Chief, was a member of the Dale Christensen Post No. 4119 V.F.W., Audubon, and the Balkou Post No. 332, American Legion, Exira, where he was past commander.

Preceding him in death in addition to his wife, were an infant daughter, Marilyn Williams; his parents and his brothers and sisters, Bonnie Wolverton, Lloyd Williams, Delores Becker, Ray Williams and Ruby Williams. Survivors include his children and their spouses, David (Sheri) Williams of Omaha; Donita (Michael) Riesselman of New Hampton and Dennis (Rhoda) Williams of Exira; eight grandchildren; his brother and sisters, Opal Plambeck of Blair, NE; Verda (Casey) Fitzgerald; Evelyn Kuster all of Persia; Gloria Jean Shields of Rowley; Melvin (Marie) Williams of Omaha and his sister-in-law, Dorothy Williams of Denison.

Funeral services were held March 15, 1996 at the Exira Lutheran Church with Pastor Ann Webb officiating. Burial was in the Exira Cemetery. Military graveside services were by Ballou Post No. 332, American Legion, Exira. Honorary casket bearer was Robert Robinson. Casket bearers were Derek Williams, Lori Williams, Troy Williams, Merle Hansen, Allan Lee Petersen, Kenneth Struble and Jerry Wahlert.