

Chris Camenisch, 87

Dec. 18, 1911 – Oct. 19, 1999

AVOCA – Chris Loren Camenisch was born Dec. 18, 1911, at Luzerne, son of Rudolph and Margaretha Steffens Camenisch, and was one of eight children in the family. He attended school at Luzerne, completing the eighth grade. The family moved to the Shelby area, where he worked for various farmers.

He married Charlene Brennaman Oct. 8, 1936, in Clarinda. They were the parents of two daughters, Darlene and Ila Mae. They moved to their home east of Avoca, in 1947, where they were engaged in farming. He also worked for the Avoca Alfalfa Mill. In 1975, they retired and moved into Avoca. Charlene died Oct. 20, 1983, and Chris remained in his home until 1989, when he moved to the Baptist Home in Harlan. The past several years he has been a resident of New Homestead Nursing Home in Guthrie Center. He died Oct. 19, 1999, at the Guthrie County Hospital at age 87 years, 10 months and one day.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Charlene; three brothers, Quentin, Victor and Arnold; and three sisters, Alice Custer, Ursula Krieger and Florence Shriver. He is survived by his children, Darlene (Lester) Gilliland and Ila Mae (Don) Olsen, all of Co. Bluffs; 10 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; a sister, Nina (Delnoe "Red") Meredith of Shelby; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 22, 1999, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel, Avoca, with Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Charles Allen, Wayne Jacobsen, Arnie Young, Clifford Young, Earl Young and Tony Young.
