

Ervine R. Lamer, 79

Aug. 21, 1918 - Nov. 22, 1997

WALNUT - Ervine Russell Lamer was born in Shelby County, August 21, 1918, son of Glen and Bertha Petersen Lamer. He was one of four children born to this union. He attended country school and a year of high school in Walnut, before starting to farm on the Lamer family farm. He entered the army March 17, 1942 and served during World War II. He was discharged as a Staff Sergeant Dec. 5, 1945.

He married Rose Pedersen Dec. 30, 1945, at the Lutheran Parsonage in Atlantic. They farmed north of Walnut. They were the parents of two sons, Russell and Randy. In 1951, they moved to a farm near Oakland, where they farmed until 1977. They then moved back to Walnut and made their home on the Lamer family farmstead, where they continued to live. In 1984, he retired from farming. Along with farming, he always had a special interest in automobiles. He was a race car builder and enthusiast. He also had a business of overhauling car engines and later worked on small engines. He was a member of the Monroe Methodist Church north of Walnut. He died at the Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, Nov. 22, 1997, at age 79 years, three months and one day.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother. He is survived by his wife, Rose; their two sons, Russell Lamer, Sr. and (Donna) of Cape Elizabeth, ME and Randy Lamer (Gloria) of Colton, SD; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two sisters, Phyllis (Vincent) Hansen of Walnut and Merle Rounds of Elk Horn; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 25, 1997, at the Knutson Funeral Home, Avoca, with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in Monroe Township Cemetery. Casket bearers were Shane Lamer, Chad Lamer, Ryan Lamer, Joshua Lamer, Kellee Lamer and Jeff Hansen.