

Leland J. Larsen, 81

March 14, 1916 - Feb. 16, 1998

IRWIN - Leland John Larsen was born March 14, 1916, son of Peter Christian and Othilia Nicallena Nelson Larsen. He died Feb. 16, 1998, at the Manning General Hospital in Manning, at age 81. He was born on a farm in Monroe Township, Shelby County, Harlan. He received his education at the Harlan Community School and after completing his education, he farmed near Irwin.

March 25, 1936, he married Florence French at the home of her parents near Irwin. The couple settled on a farm near Irwin and were blessed with the birth of three children. They farmed until moving to Denison in 1990 and in the fall of 1995, when they entered the Manilla Manor. They were honored to have celebrated 61 years of marriage. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Irwin.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his father and mother-in-law, Eddie and Ethel French; two grandsons, John M. and Kenneth Christiansen; one sister, Marie Kugel; two brothers-in-law, James Kugel and Robert Minikus. Survivors include his wife, Florence of Manilla Manor; two daughters, Phyllis Lorenzen (Louis) of Denison; Alys Mae Beam (Ralph) of Manilla; one son, Larry Larsen of Denver, CO; 10 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren and one sister, Viola Minikus of Alexandria, MN.

Funeral services were held Feb. 20, 1998, at the United Methodist Church in Irwin, with Rev. Joseph Boysen officiating the service and graveside rites held at the Oakhill Cemetery, Irwin. Honorary pallbearers were Cynthia DeLance, Louis Lorenzen, Lori Naumann, Jeff Naumann, Donna Brink, Ralph Beam, Julie Brown, Vickie Lovell and Diane Bauer. Pallbearers were Ronald Brink, Scott DeLance, Kenny Bauer, Larry Larsen, Rick Beam and Mike Larsen. The Huebner Funeral Home in Denison in charge of arrangements.