

Alvin Martens, 85

April 26, 1921 - Dec. 26, 2006

MINDEN — Alvin F. Martens was born in Shelby, April 26, 1921, to Hans and Emma (Dohrmann) Martens. He has lived and farmed in Minden for the past 62 years.

Alvin married Dorothy Dau July 19, 1944. He was an active church member of the Minden United Church of Christ. He died Dec. 26, 2006, at his home in Minden at age 86.

Alvin was preceded in death by his sisters, Olga Wolff and Viola Kapfer. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Dorothy of Minden; daughters, Janet Graham (Gary) of Underwood; Connie Marr (Ken), of Greely, CO; and Marsha Beedle (Perry III) of Oakland; sons, Danny Martens (Judy); James Martens (Cathy), all of Minden; Jeffrey (Sherrie) of Oakland; 22 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; sisters, Velma and Elsie Martens of Valley, NE; Ellen Blumer (Melvin); and Jane Steenbock (Elven) of Persia.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29, 2006, at the Minden United Church of Christ with Pastor Brian Wohlhuter officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Funeral Home in Council Bluffs in charge of arrangements.