

Lester Meyers, 90

Sept. 30, 1911 - Sept. 1, 2002

GLENWOOD—Lester Frank Raymond Meyers was born to Dora Elizabeth (Asmus) and Charles Carl Meyers Sept. 30, 1911, on the family farm five miles east of Defiance. He attended Greeley Center School and the Defiance High School. He was the valedictorian of the Defiance Graduating Class of 1929. When Lester was 14, he accepted the Lord as his Savior at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Defiance. He was later baptized in 1959 at Bethel Baptist Church in Harlan. In 1976, he became a member of Grace Baptist Church in Harlan. After graduating from high school, he worked on the farm of Berg and Etta Jensen near Defiance for 10 years.

Jan. 30, 1941, he married LaVerne Maxine McBride at the parsonage of the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Defiance. To this union one child, Connie, was born. Following their wedding, the couple farmed west of Kirkman for one year and then farmed near Irwin on two different farms for three years. They then returned to Kirkman to farm for 14 years. Their last two years of farming were east of Tennant. In 1961, they retired from farming and moved to Harlan. For the next 20 years he worked for Bernard Cox at Cox Grain and Feed in Tennant. In 1998, the Meyers became residents of Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. They then relocated to Risen Son Retirement Community in Council Bluffs, in May of 2001. In July of 2001, they became residents of Glen Haven Nursing Home in Glenwood. He died Sept. 1, 2002, at Glen Haven Nursing Home in Glenwood, at age 90 years, 11 months and two days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, LaVerne Meyers, April 5, 2002; brothers, Alfred, Alvin, Hugo and Carl Meyers; and sisters, Hedwig "Hattie" Elwell, Leona Rank and Freda Jensen. He is survived by his daughter, Connie (Joe) Barker of Council Bluffs; his sister, Dorothy Fick of Carroll; nieces and nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 4, 2002, at Pauley Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Prugh officiating. Burial was in the Union Township Cemetery, Defiance, with Dave Walter, Don Holdsworth, Jim Scheffler, Russell Brandes, Larry McDermott and Bruce Heilesen casket bearers.

