

Raynold David Nelson, 81

March 12, 1917 - Dec. 5,, 1998 ✓

ELK HORN - Raynold David, son of Martin and Laura Hansen Nelson, was born March 12, 1917 in Audubon County. He attended rural school near his home and then worked on the family farm. In 1942 he entered the United States Army Air Corps and served during World War II as an aerial engineer on a B-24.

When he was home on leave, Sept. 22, 1943, he married Della Hansen. Three daughters were born to this union. Following his honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps in 1944, he built the R&H Service Station in Kimballton with his brother-in-law Harvey Hansen. The family lived in Kimballton for 15 years before moving to Elk Horn where he worked for Larsen Construction Company for several years. He then spent 26 years as a custodian with the Elk Horn Schools. He was a member of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church and, for 53 years, a member of the American Legion. After a fall in his home Sept. 30, 1998, his health began to fail. He was hospitalized or in convelescent care since that time and died at St. Anthony Hospital, Carroll, Dec. 5, 1998 at age 81 years, 8 months and 23 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Alvin Nelson and his wife Clara, Arley Nelson and Marvin Nelson; and one sister, Irene and her husband Raymond Clausen. He is survived by his wife Della Nelson of Elk Horn; three daughters, Sheryl (Richard) Lill of Redmond, WA, Raedell (Richard) von Holdt of Minburn, and Beverly (Kent) Larsen of Nevada, IA; seven grandchildren, Brady Lill, Andrew Lill, Lesley (Boysen) (Todd) Monson, Douglas Boysen, Jennifer Boysen, Kelli (Larsen) (Todd) McGuire and Krista Larsen; one great grandson Gavin Monson; two brothers Harvey Nelson (Maxine) of Centralia, WA, and Russell Nelson (Myrtle) of Elk Horn; one sister-in-law Annabelle Nelson of Elk Horn; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 9, 1998 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran cemetery. Military honors were conducted by American Legion Post 322. Casketbearers were Douglas Boysen, Brady Lill, Todd Monson, Andrew Lill, Todd McGuire, and Tim Fredericksen. Ohde Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.