

## Oliver R. Nicolai, 94

Nov. 22, 1902 - Oct. 28, 1997

**AVOCA** - Oliver Roy Nicolai was born Nov. 22, 1902, in James Township of Pottawattamie County, son of Chris and Ida Weise Nicolai. He attended country school, completing the 8th grade. He then stayed at home and helped his father in the car dealership in Hancock.

He married Christine Leopold Oct. 18, 1922, in Avoca. They farmed west of Hancock on the Lester Brandes farm. Christine died Dec. 31, 1966. He retired from farming in 1967, and moved to Avoca.

He married Carrie Leopold Andersen Nov. 22, 1967 in Avoca. She died March 12, 1978. He moved to Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut, in 1987 and then to Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca in 1991. In 1995, he became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. He died at the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn, Oct. 28, 1997, at age 94 years, 11 months and six days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his two wives, Christine and Carrie. He is survived by two sisters-in-law, Lottie Kixmiller of Avoca and Olga Nicolai of Omaha; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 30, 1997, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor Paul Bengtson officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Hancock. Casket bearers were Bob Kixmiller, Ron Vredevelde, Russell Brandes, Randy Williams, Dale Krohn and Craig Williams. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.