

Arnold Thomsen, 96 ✓

Oct. 23, 1909 - Feb. 26, 2006

AVOCA — Arnold Thomsen was born Oct. 23, 1909, in rural Walnut to Peter and Amelia Sievers Thomsen. He was one of nine children born into the family. He graduated from Walnut High School with the class of 1927.

Nov. 30, 1940, Arnold married Geraldine Schaaf in Omaha, NE. To this union three children were born, Dennis, Judith and Connie. They lived on the Thomsen family farm between Walnut and Avoca until he retired from farming in 1974, at which time they moved to Avoca. He was a member of the United Church of Avoca, Masonic Lodge, the York Rite and Shrine and an Elder and a Trustee of the Presbyterian Church in Walnut. He died Feb. 26, 2006, at Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center in Avoca, at age 96 years.

Arnold is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Geraldine (Schaaf); two brothers, Elmer and Harold; and five sisters, Juanita Thomsen, Leona Eastman, Winona Faris, Hazel Petersen, Ethel Mattice; and his son-in-law, Andrew Hrab. He is survived by his children, Dennis (Linda) of Erie, PA; Judith Hrab of Lansing, MI; Connie (Dennis) Jensen of Walnut; a brother, Charles Thomsen of Pahrump, NV; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 2, 2006, at the United Church of Avoca, with Pastor Nancy Ross-Hullinger and Rev. Dr. Robert Houser officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearer was Brent Bargaquast. Casket bearers were Darrin Bargaquast, Jay Bruck, Jason Wood, Kendall Thomsen, Dustin Jensen and Jason West. Knutson Family Chapel in charge of arrangements.
