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Ernest Thomsen, 71

Jan. 9, 1928 - March 2, 1999

HANCOCK - Ernest Wilfred Thomsen was born Jan. 9, 1928, at Newell. He was the son of Thorvald and Ruth Jorgensen Thomsen and was one of five children in the family. He attended school in Newell and graduated from Newell High School in 1945. Ernie served with the U.S. Army from February 1946 until August of 1947 and then went to Barnes City, and helped his father in the lumber yard. He then worked in a paint store in Oskaloosa.

He married Martha Westercamp Aug. 31, 1952, in Hedrick. They lived in Barnes City, Montezuma and Larimor, before moving to Hancock in 1958. They were the parents of one son, Mark. Ernie worked for Fullerton Lumber in Oakland, the Chicago Lumber Company in Omaha, and then at the American Beef Plant in Oakland until it closed. He died March 2, 1999, at his home in Hancock at age 71 years, one month and 24 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Dorothy Johnson; and a brother, Harold Thomsen. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Martha; his son, Mark Thomsen (Diane) of Maryville, MO; one granddaughter, Sara Thomsen; two brothers, Eggert Thomsen (Alberta) of Newell and Bob Thomsen (Donna) of Sac City; and other relatives.

Memorial services were held March 4, 1999, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Rev. Dr. Judy Flanegin officiating.