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Monroe "Slim" Watson, 83

Nov. 3, 1915 - Dec. 5, 1998

MINDEN - Monroe Edward Watson was born Nov. 3, 1915 in Harrison County, son of James D. and Clara Bleyhl Watson and was one of five children in the family. He attended country school near Persia and then attended high school in Persia. "Slim" farmed with his father.

He married Marcella Hesly Feb. 19, 1938 in Logan. They then moved to their farm east of Minden. They were the parents of one daughter, Gaylene. In 1976 they moved to Minden but continued to farm until 1993 when he retired from farming due to his health. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Shelby. He died at the Oakland Manor Nursing Home in Oakland Dec. 5, 1998 at age 83 years, 1 month and 2 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Byron and James and a sister, Lucille Christensen. He is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Marcella, their daughter, Gaylene (Ron) Searcy of Co. Bluffs, two granddaughters, Jill (John) Grundy of Gilbert, AZ and Jane (Gordon) Parry of Omaha, three great grandchildren, Morgan and Parker Grundy and Hannah Parry, his twin brother, Milton Watson of Persia, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 9, 1998 at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Rev. Walter J. Bernard officiating. Burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Ronald Kadel and Verne Beebe. Casket bearers were David Dittmer, John "Mike" Dea, Clark Price, Robert Plagman, Del Zimmerman, and Donald Bladt.
