

Peter G. Ahrenholtz, 81

Peter, son of Henry and Matilda Hulsebus Ahrenholtz, was born on Nov. 28, 1896, near Defiance. He grew up in that area and attended Defiance Public Schools.

On Jan. 3, 1924, he was united in marriage with Sallie Jedele. They farmed in the Manilla, Defiance, and Denison areas until 1968 when they moved to Manilla. He was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church in Defiance and taught Sunday school for many years.

Peter died at the Crawford County Memorial Hospital on Saturday, Nov. 4, 1978 at the age of 81 years, 11 months and six days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Lucille; three brothers, Walter, Arthur and Chester; and two grandchildren, Jill and Kipp Ahrenholtz.

He is survived by his wife, Sallie; four sons, Wesley Ahrenholtz, Manilla; Willis Ahrenholtz, Denison; Leonard Ahrenholtz, Denison and Jim Ahrenholtz, Denison; four daughters: Loretta, Mrs Phil Shepperd, Atlantic; Ruth, Mrs Gilbert Carstens, Dow City; Martha, Mrs Robert Camden, Phoenix, Ariz and Marie, Mrs Frank Jennings, Seattle, Wash.; 19 grandchildren, two brothers: Louis and Edwin Ahrenholtz, Defiance; one sister: Grace, Mrs Harold Bengé, Manilla.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 6, 1978 at United Methodist Church in Defiance with Rev. Leon Wallace.

Pallbearers were Jeff Ahrenholtz, Don Carstens, Ted Ahrenholtz, Gordon Carstens, Chris Shepperd, Paul Shepperd, Tim Ahrenholtz, and Dean Ahrenholtz. Honorary Casket-bearers were Michael Camden, and Jay Ahrenholtz.

Burial was in Union Township Cemetery, Defiance.
