

Ernest Andersen, 72

Avoca — Ernest Andersen of Avoca was born Feb. 3, 1908 in Borglum, Denmark and died at Clarkson hospital, Omaha, Monday, June 16, 1980 at age 72 years, 4 months and 13 days. He was the son of Anders Poulsen Andersen and Hedeveg Marie Pedersen Andersen and was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He came to the U.S. in 1927 at the age of 19, and became an American Citizen. He lived most of his life in the Avoca area and retired from farming in 1977 at which time and his wife moved to their present home in Avoca. He married Lillian Marie Johnson on Feb. 28, 1930. They observed their golden wedding anniversary this past year. Ernest was a faithful and communicant member of the Trinity Lutheran church of Avoca and a charter member of the former English Lutheran church, serving as President at the time the congregations merged.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Jens, Martin, Lauritz, Lars and Kristian and two sisters Johanne and Stinne. Survivors include his wife, Lillian of Avoca and four children, Mrs Michael (Eleanor) Quinn of Chariton; Mrs Charles (Laura Ann) Allen, Marlin Andersen and Robert Andersen, of Avoca; 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren, two brothers, Nels of Shelby and Aage of Denmark and two sisters, Elle and Karen of Denmark, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Trinity Lutheran church in Avoca on Thursday, June 19, 1980, with Pastor Richard J. Pluth and Pastor Thorvald Hansen officiating. Burial was in Graceland cemetery in Avoca with Raymond Davis, Rudolph Krohn, Harold Hansen, Leo Campbell, Russell Haworth and Clinton Erickson serving as casketbearers. Honorary bearers were William Miller, Edwin Doll, Karl Arp, Ernie Hogeland, Nels Jensen, Dr. Norman West, J. Emory Fredrickson and Ray Edmisten.