

Robert Sievers, 95

Sept. 9, 1915 - May 17, 2011

WALNUT — Robert "Pete" Sievers, the son of Walter and Traci (Feldman) Sievers, was born on September 9, 1915, at home. Pete was the 7th of 10 children born to this union. He attended country school, graduating in 1929, then attended Walnut High School, and was in the graduating class of 1933. Upon graduating from high school, he worked at the family farm and spent a few summers thrashing in Devil's Lake, ND. Pete then moved to California and worked at Forest Lawn Cemetery until Japan bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941, when he returned home to run the family farm while his brothers were away at war.



August 28, 1946, Pete was united in marriage to LeEtta "Letty" Arentsen in Seneca, KS. Two children were born to this union, Wayne and Allan. After their marriage, the couple resided for a short time with Letty's mother, then moved to a farm south of Walnut. In 1948, Pete and Letty moved to the farm where they remained throughout their lives. Pete spent his days working on the farm, raising hogs, cattle and row crops. Pete and Letty loved to square dance and travel, and they especially enjoyed their annual fishing trips to Minnesota or Canada. Pete did a lot of hunting and fishing in his spare time. When he retired from farming, he enjoyed doing woodworking, and made many beautiful pieces of furniture. He also loved spending time with his family and friends, especially during the holidays and birthdays. Until the age of 89, Pete ran the combine to help his son, Wayne, and grandson, Cole, with harvest every fall. He spent a great deal of time with his grandchildren, taking them out to eat, reading to them, and teaching them how to play pool. Pete was always willing to lend a helping hand whenever he was able. Pete died on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, having attained the age of 95 years, 8 months, and 8 days.

Pete was preceded in death by his wife, Letty, his parents, brothers: Harold, Ralph, Raymond, Leonard, Clifford, Lester, and Dale; and sisters Cora and Alberta. He is survived by his children Wayne Sievers and Allan Sievers, both of Walnut; seven grandchildren: Cole, Sarah, and Connor Sievers, Valerie, Lauren, Tori, and Trista Sievers; and sisters-in-law Arlene Sievers of Avoca and Joy Sievers of Walnut; other relatives and many friends.

Pastor David Krueger officiated the 2:00 p.m. funeral service at the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut Saturday, May 21, 2011. Honorary casket bearers were Freddie Matthies,

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Arnold "Les" Brehmer, Valerie Sievers, Trista Sievers, Tori Sievers and Lauren Sievers. Burial was held in Layton Township Cemetery in Walnut with Roger Sievers, Gary Arentsen, Connor Sievers, Don Sievers, Cole Sievers and Sarah Sievers serving as casket bearers.

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