

Elmer Nelson

Elmer L. Nelson was born Nov. 24, 1911, in Marshall County, the second son of Selmar and Jeanie Carroll Nelson. He received his education in the Gilman School District, in rural schools near his home, and attended Chester Township High School. Following his education he worked for area farmers and was an outstanding corn picker, when corn was picked by hand.

He was married to Evelyn McLennon Chvala Sept. 11, 1944, in Marshalltown. The couple farmed in Madison Township and in 1949 they purchased a farm in Sheridan Township. He farmed until his retirement in the mid-1970's and continued to live on his farm until his health required nursing care. He has been a resident of Friendship Manor since Nov. 30, 1993.

Elmer was a member of the Sheridan United Methodist Church. He kept very busy on his farm and caring for his family. He loved to work the land and raising livestock. He enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Canada and had spent many winters in Yuma, Ariz.

He is survived by three sons, Dale of Moorehead, Minn., Ronald of Sidney, Neb., and Kenneth of Malcom; two step-sons, Larry Chvala of Bena, Minn., and Richard Chvala of Moorehead, Minn.; three grandchildren, Aaron, Travis, and Tyson Nelson, all of Thermopolis, Wyo.; three sisters, Mildred Smith of Grinnell, Verna Dodge of Sacramento, Calif., and Helen Lippincott of Brooklyn; and a brother, Carroll "Kelly" Nelson of Newton.

Elmer died July 5, at Friendship Manor at the age of 83. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Aug. 9, 1970; a daughter, Janet Kay Nelson, May 26, 1948; a son, Gaylon W. Nelson, Oct. 23, 1966; and two brothers in infancy.

Services were held July 8 at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. The Rev. Dorie Hansen of the Sheridan United Methodist Church was the officiant.

Music was provided by Alice Renaud, organist playing "How Great Thou Art" and "Blessed Assurance".

The pallbearers were Chad Beck, Melvin Beck, Charles Carnahan, Jack Chedester, Jim May, Wes Sebetka, and Charles Smith. Honorary bearers were Ed Blinkinsop, Orlyn Blinkinsop, Robert May, Charles McLennon, and Louis Winslow.

The interment was in Prairie View

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Elmer L. Nelson, 83, died Tuesday, July 5, at Friendship Manor Care Centre.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday at the Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dorie Hansen of the Sheridan United Methodist Church officiating. Organist will be Alice Renaud.

Pallbearers will be Chad Beck, Melvin Beck, Charles Carnahan, Jack Chedester, Jim May, Wes Sebetka and Charles Smith. Honorary bearers will be Ed Blinkinsop, Orlyn Blinkinsop, Robert May, Charles McLennon and Louis Winslow. Burial will be in Prairie View Cemetery, Gilman.

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BC July 13, 1994

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