

WALTER SCHLESSELMAN

Walter Herman Ludwig Schlesselman was born July 5, 1910, in Iowa County, rural Victor, the son of John and Anna Sticht Schlesselman. He passed away Sept. 18 at the Senior Home in Montezuma at age 75.

He was baptized and confirmed in St. John's Lutheran Church, rural Victor. He moved with his family to the home farm northeast of Deep River in 1919.

On July 4, 1937, he was united in marriage with Eleanor Price at St. James Lutheran Church in Victor. On Jan. 15, 1950, along with his wife, he joined the Presbyterian Church in Deep River, of which he is still a mem-

ber. The church is now the United Church.

He farmed, dealt in livestock and did carpentry work until 1969, when they moved into Deep River.

Walt continued to do carpentry work, and, with his wife, purchased the lumber yard in 1973. He operated that business until retiring in 1979.

Walter had a good sense of humor and enjoyed being around people and visiting with them. He enjoyed all of his family, and especially enjoyed the little children.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor; two children and their spouses: Virginia and Jarold Greene of Victor and Jack and Judy Schlesselman of Belle Plaine; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; three brothers, Martin, Albert and Raymond, all of Deep River, and one sister, Clara Ranfeld of Montezuma.

Service was Saturday afternoon, Sept. 21, at the United Church, Deep River, with the Rev. Mary Margaret Thiel officiating.

Mrs. Verla Van Dee was organist, and Mrs. Bill Warwick and Mrs. Doren Dale sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Beyond the Sunset".

Honorary casketbearers were Steve Criswell, Larry Ranfeld and Leroy Schlesselman. Casket bearers: Brant Greene, Bryan Greene, Harvey Johnston, Michael Tarvin, Carl Schlesselman and LaVerne Schlesselman.

Flower attendants were Eileen Elliott, Virginia Pierce and Marjorie Byers.

Burial was in Golden Rod Cemetery, directed by Watts Funeral Home, Montezuma.