

April 3, 1985

Ray Erdmann

Services were held Tuesday, March 12 at Jones funeral chapel of Benkelman, Neb., with the Rev. Dave Dunham officiating. The Rev. Dave and Terry Dunham sang "Mansion Over The Hilltop," and "Where My Soul Never Dies," accompanied by the Rev. Dunham, on the guitar. Interment was in the Benkelmar, Neb., cemetery.

Following a lingering illness and cancer surgery in December, he passed away March 8, 1985 at the age of 86 years.

Pall Bearers were grandsons; Terry Steinbeck, Richard Nichols, Gary Steinbeck, Raymond Heberlee, Larry Reddin, Doug Paul, Larry Kalman, Bryon Whrict and William Gray.

Ray John Carl Erdmann was born August 22, 1898, to Carl and Hannah (Boldt) Erdmann in Brown County.

He was confirmed at the age of 14 at St. John's Lutheran Church in West Hanson. As a young man he worked as a farm laborer. He was united in marriage to Alice Bonar on March 13, 1929. To this union, four daughters were born, Mildred, Iona, Dorothy and Doris. He gained a lot of friends in his employment at Shurtteff and Jones Sale Barn. Ray had various jobs, many of them involving his team of horses which were his pride and joy. Roy had resided for a while at Hester Home in Benkelman, Neb., and the Kinder Kare in Wauneta, Neb. The last nine years he lived at Sunset Manor in Brush, Colo.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his daughters, Mildred and husband Jim Heberlee of Funk, Neb.; Iona Reddin of Brush, Colo. and Dorothy and husband Raymond Lawson of Parks, Neb.; two sisters, Ramona Washburn of Selah, Wash.; and Flora Sombke and husband, Clarence of Conde; 12 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brother, George and Earl; two sisters, Amanda and Alma; a daughter, Doris Steinbeck and a great grandson, Ronnie Joe Davis.