OSWALD, Elwin Edward

February 9, 1918
Yankton County
February 24, 2009
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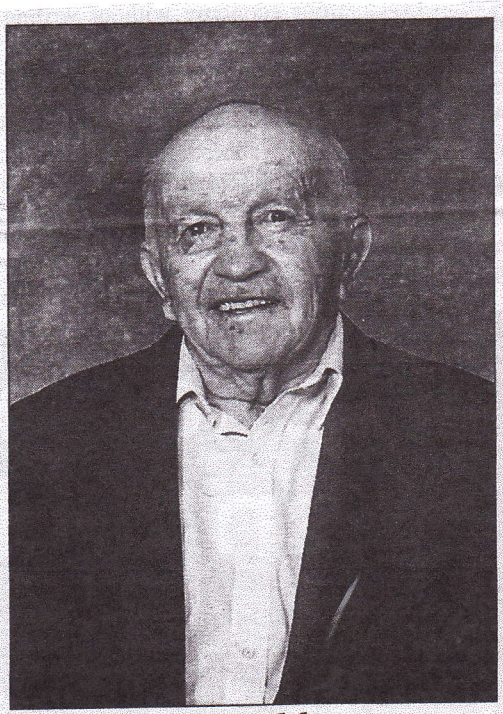

Elwin Oswald

Elwin E. Oswald, age 91 of Yankton passed away on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, Yankton, SD. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM, Friday, February 27, 2009 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Irene, SD with Rev. Dana K. Steinwand officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Yankton.

Elwin Edward Oswald passed away at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital on February 24, 2009, following a brief illness. He was 91 years old and had resided the last year at Majestic Bluffs Assisted Living Center, Yankton, SD.

Elwin was born February 9, 1918 in Jamesville Township, Yankton County, SD to Ludwig and Maria (Hehn) Oswald. He was the youngest of five children. He attended grade school at the Oswald Country School, graduated from Menno High School in 1936, and attended business college in Mitchell. He was baptized and confirmed into the Christian Faith at the Evangelical United Brethren Church of rural Menno. On June 14, 1944, he married Florence Westergaard at Elim Lutheran Church at rural Irene. They made their home on the Oswald family farm at rural Menno, where Elwin farmed his entire life. He and Florence were active members of the EUB Church and Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of rural Irene where he served in many capacities. They were 4-H leaders for over 25 years in Yankton County and was on the Yankton County Extension Board. Elwin sold DeKalb seed and also sold baby chicks. He was instrumental in bringing the Rural Electrification Program to Yankton County.

Elwin was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters Lydia Schaeffer, Alinda Guthmiller, Elsie Kunkel; brother Albert Oswald; and his wife Florence.

Elwin is survived by his children Ordell (Shirley) Oswald of Viborg, SD, MaryAnn (Dean) VanSchoiack of Savannah, MO, and David (Tamra) Oswald of Sioux Falls, SD; his grandchildren Jason (Sherri)Oswald, Jared (Amy) Oswald, Justin (Chasity) Oswald, Aaron Oswald, Ashley Oswald, Rachel VanSchoiack, and Andrew VanSchoiack; 5 great-grandchildren and sister-in-law Mildred Kuhlman of rural Parkston, SD.

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