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Victor Geistfeld

Funeral services for Victor E. Geistfeld, 92, of Truman were held Thursday morning, Dec. 26 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Truman with the Rev. Nathan Rusert and Rev. Dr. Lyle Rusert officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. Geistfeld died Saturday, Dec 21, 2002 at his home in Truman, Minnesota. Victor Edgar Henry Geistfeld, the son of Ernst and Louise (Lichthardt) Geistfeld, was born Oct. 29 1910 in Bloomingdale Township, DuPage County, Illinois. He was baptized Nov 13, 1910 in Rodenburg, Illinois and confirmed on Palm Sunday, April 13, 1924 at St. John's Lutheran Church, South Branch, rural St James by Rev. H.C. Hinz. He attended public and parochial school in South Branch. On April 10, 1932, Victor was united in marriage to Viola Becker at St. John's Lutheran Church, South Branch, by Rev. W.F. Rolf. He and his wife farmed for 46 years, four miles West of Lewisville. They operated a large dairy farm for 20 years and later had a large poultry operation. In 1971, the farm was named on the Swine Honor Roll issued by Minnesota pork producers. They retired in September 1978 and moved to Truman. Victor was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of South Branch for 65 years where he served on the school board, as financial secretary and on many other committees. He was school board treasurer of District 25 in Watonwon County, served on Watonwon County ASC Board, township committee, was active in 4H Nifty Thrifty Club, Community Chest and was vice president on the board of the Lutheran Retirement Home for 17 years. He was also a member of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, American Guernsey Breeders Association, was on the finance board of St. James Hospital and served as an election judge for the city of Truman. Survivors include his wife; four sons, Ronald (Annette) Geistfeld of Tucson, AZ, Ernest (Ione) Geistfeld of Audubon, Loren (Carol) Geistfeld of Columbus, Ohio and James (Barbara) Geistfeld of Red Hook, N.Y.; one daughter, Valeria Geistfeld of Greenville, SC; sixteen grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; foster daughter Marcella Bill of Redwood Falls, foster sister, Violet Bock of Puposkey. He was preceded in death by a foster son, Patrick Murphy; three sisters, Hilda, Tillie and Emma; and six brothers, Ed, Emil, Martin, Ernst, Willie and Henry.