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## Clarence J.W. Eisberg, 85

Clarence J.W. Eisberg, 85, died Oct. 11 in rural Keytesville. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 15 at the Summerville Funeral Home, Highway 24, Salisbury. Burial will follow with graveside services at the Keytesville City Cemetery with Military Rights by the local VFW at the graveside. Pastor Mary Lou Kator will officiate. Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 14. Pallbearers will be George A. Schupback, George E. Schupback, Bobby Scheiderer, Leland Linneman, Jon Moore, and Raymond McNeall. Honorary pallbearers are J.C. Jones, Dr. Richard Fink, Tom Enderle, Eddie

Hanke, Bill Colliver, and Robert Nelson. Mr. Eisberg was born Jan. 27, 1914, on a farm north of Salisbury, the son of Henry and Lula Thompson Eisberg. He married Irene Elizabeth Klaus on Dec. 30, 1945. She preceded him in death on Sept. 26, 1995. He attended the Red School north of Salisbury and attended the Lutheran Day School in Salisbury, as well as Veterans Technical Agricultural training in Salisbury. He was a lifelong farmer and resident of Chariton County. He served in the North African Campaign followed by the European Campaign through the end of WWII. He was discharged in 1945 from Germany whereupon he returned to live in Salisbury. He and his wife were among the founders of the Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Salisbury in 1979, and helped found the Keytesville Medical Clinic. He served as president of Peace Lutheran Church, Keytesville Medical Clinic and the AAL Branch. He initiated many fund-raisers for needy causes, such as Chariton County children with cancer and the Chariton County Child Welfare Fund. Mr. Eisberg was a member of the MFA Board of Directors and an active leader and supporter of 4-H and FFA. He enjoyed showing cattle at fairs as a youth and taught his sons how to do the same. He and his wife's farming operation included hogs, beef cattle, corn, wheat and soybeans. In the early years, they also raised dairy cattle, sheep, chickens and geese, and delivered eggs and butter to customers throughout Chariton and Randolph counties. Two years ago, Mr. Eisberg was the star in a documentary film about the history of farming in Chariton County and the survival of the family farm in America.

Surviving are two sons, Rev. Clarence H. Eisberg of Merced, Calif. and Keith Eisberg of Marine Del Ray, Calif.; one foster daughter, Jackie Carver of Bunceton, two grandsons, five foster grandchildren and nine foster great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Gertrude Loth of Warrensburg and Lucille

Witt of San Diego, Calif.

The family requests memorials be made to Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Salisbury or to the Keytesville Medical Clinic.

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