

## Harvey Jantz, 71

Harvey Jantz was born to Daniel and Adele Gunda Yost Jantz on July 7, 1934, at Copeland, Kan. He suddenly passed away on Sept. 15, 2005, at Bethel Home, Montezuma, Kan., where he had been living for the past six months. He reached the age of 71 years and seventy days.

Harvey spent his early childhood in the Dust Bowl years at Copeland, Kan., and received several years of grammar school there. In August of 1942 he moved with his parents and family to Bonnors Ferry, where he received the rest of his basic education at the McKinley School and in the surrounding fields and forests.

He was converted and later baptized into the Church of God in Christ, Mennonite, April 18, 1950 at Bonnors Ferry. He enjoyed life, having a quiet humor and perception. Harvey had a very winning way with children. He loved to sing and also did much writing in the course of his life, including letter writing.

He knew many Scriptures by memory and also had a detailed memory of people and incidents. Two years of voluntary service were spent in a veterans' hospital in Roseburg, Ore.

After his service days, he was involved in sawmill work, logging, heavy equipment, and road building. He especially liked to wash and wax cars, which employed him in the detailing business for many years. He had struggles in life and met with disappointment. During this time he chose to isolate himself from his family and the Church for 36 years. He moved about within the state of Idaho, living in such places as Pierce, Meridian, Orofino, and Mountain Home. He enjoyed walking for exercise and was known in Nampa as "The Walker."

The Lord, being merciful and gracious, made His will known to Harvey in the last year, and he reconsecrated his life in dedication to the Lord. He spent three special months living with his nephews and their families in Grand View, Idaho, where he formed bonds of lasting value with them, including the great nephews and nieces.

Due to health conditions, he

later transferred from a care facility in Mountain Home to Bethel Home in Kansas.

A soft-spoken man, he enjoyed his Christian life until the end, impressed with the message from the Lord, "If you do not forgive men their trespasses, the Lord can forgive you." He expressed appreciation for the kindness and care shown to him by family, friends, and caregivers, and also for the Church, noting her strengths and growth.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Bertha and her husband Kenneth Jantz; brother Raymond and wife Lucile; sister Rosella Jones; and brothers-in-law Frank Koop and Hollis Null.

He is survived by a brother Franklin D. and wife Hazel of Livingston, Calif.; sister Erma Koop of Stayton, Ore.; brother Ervin and wife Doris of Bonnors Ferry; sister Gladys Null of Charleston, W.V.; a

sister Martha and husband Raymond Friese of St. Mary's, Ontario; a brother Johnny of San Bruno, Calif.; and a host of relatives and friends.

Following a memorial service

at Bethel Home, Montezuma, Kan., a funeral service was held in Bonnors Ferry on Sept. 20 in the Mountain View Mennonite Church with interment in the adjoining cemetery.