



Donald L. Obrecht, 62

Harlan — Donald LaVerne Obrecht, son of Charles and Pearl Dawes Obrecht, was born on a farm in Shelby county southeast of Harlan, on Feb. 5, 1917. He attended country school in Center twp. and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. After completing his schooling, Don farmed with his parents. On Nov. 25, 1937, he married Helen L. Jensen in Harlan. Five children were born to this union.

After their marriage, they farmed west of Corley for two years. They spent the next 26 years on a farm south of Windy Knoll school and then moved to their present farm south of Harlan where they have lived for the past 13 years. Since 1941, Don has been involved in purebred shorthorn cattle breeding and this was a big part of his life. He was an active member of the National, Iowa, and Southwest Iowa Shorthorn Cattle Assns. He was also an active member of the Shelby County Cattlemen's Assn. and was selected as their Father of the Year in 1978.

Under the name of Donald L. Obrecht & Sons, he participated in the following livestock shows: Iowa State Fair, Nebraska State Fair, International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, Ill.; Ak-Sar-Ben, American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Mo., National Western Livestock Show in Denver, Colo., Houston Livestock Show in Houston, Texas, San Antonio Livestock Show in San Antonio, Texas and the Ft. Worth Livestock Show in Fort Worth, Texas.

Don was also a member of the Shelby County Saddle club and the National Quarter Horse Assn. of Amarillo, Tex. He had been a long time member of the First United Methodist church in Harlan and had served as a 4-H leader and booster for 26 years.

He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan, on Thursday, June 14, 1979, at age 62 years, four months and 9 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. His survivors include his wife, Helen, of rural Harlan; three sons - Charles and twins, Lyle and Larry, of Harlan; two daughters - Donna (Mrs Robert Scheel) of Harlan and Karla (Mrs Jim Lemon) of Shelby; nine grandchildren; a brother, Lloyd of Harlan; two sisters - Esther (Mrs Christian Christensen) of Harlan and Nadine (Mrs Robert Greiner) of Creston; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, on Monday, June 18, 1979, with Rev. D. Ward Young, pastor of the United Methodist church in Oakland, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Dave Steen, Glen Struve, Ralph Struve, Bernie Bolton, Roger Applegate and Michael Dugdale