

Jesse Boardman, 95

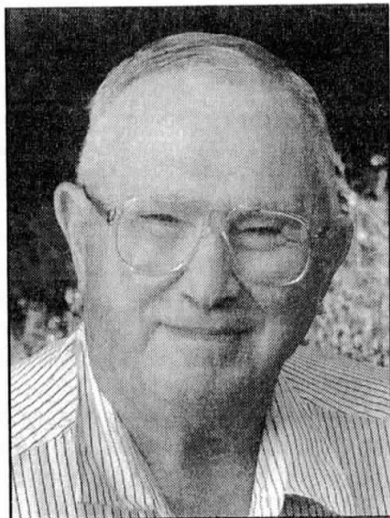
Aug. 19, 1914 - Dec. 13, 2009

HARLAN — Jesse Elroy Boardman, son of John and Henrietta (Stewart) Boardman, was born August 19, 1914, near Tennant. He grew up on the family farm and after graduating from Tennant High School, attended Iowa State College in Ames. It was there that he met the love of his life, Esther McFate of Grinnell.

Jesse and Esther were married on July 3, 1938, and they enjoyed fifty-nine years of marriage together before Esther's death in July, 1997. They had three daughters, Jannis, Lorna and Betty Jo. Jesse was a farmer throughout his life. He raised cattle and hogs, corn and soybeans on his farm north of Tennant. After he and Esther retired to Harlan in 1974, he continued to tend livestock and raise crops on his farm. When his grandchildren came to visit, he enjoyed taking them on tractor and wagon rides. Jesse was a lifelong member of the Tennant Methodist Church. In 2001, Jesse moved to the Elm Crest Assisted Living Community in Harlan where he lived for the next eight years. On his 95th birthday, he was the honored guest of a party attended by Elm Crest residents and more than 30 relatives, including his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who came from all across the country. September 18, 2009, Jesse became a resident of the New Homestead Nursing Home in Guthrie Center, to be closer to his daughter. He died on December 13, 2009, at the Guthrie County Hospital in Guthrie Center having attained the age of ninety-five years, three months and twenty-four days.

Jesse is survived by his daughters Jannis and her husband Ed Hoobin of Panora; Lorna and her husband Bill Kesler of St. Louis, MO; Betty Jo and her husband Dean Andrews of Holden, MA; seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews, other family members and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 17, 2009, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan with Jim Boardman officiating the 11:00 AM service. Interment was held at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan, with Philip Andrews, Wayne Boardman, Dylan Kesler, Nathan Andrews, John Soper, and Mark Andrews serving as casket bearers.



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