

Alvin Henry Burmeister, 82 ✓

Sept. 17, 1916 - Jan. 7, 1999

HARLAN - Alvin Henry Burmeister, son of Herman Christian and Amalia Margaretha (Karstens) Burmeister, was born Sept. 17, 1916 in rural Shelby County. He attended school near the family farm, which is located northwest of Corley. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca.

Dec. 28, 1943 he married Blanche Anna Peterson at the Congregational Church parsonage in Harlan. They farmed the family land, which was later named a Family Century Farm. They were members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan until 1960, when they transferred their membership to the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Shelby. They remained members there until early 1998, returning to Immanuel at that time. He was a member of the Registered Spotted Poland China Hogs Association and the Registered Polled Herefords Association. He had served on the United Evangelical Lutheran Church council in Shelby. For 17 years, he and Blanche wintered in the Orlando, FL area. He died Jan. 7, 1999 at his home in rural Harlan at age 82 years, 3 months and 21 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents. Survivors include his wife, Blanche Burmeister of Harlan; two sons, Dave (Kim) Burmeister of Harlan, and Roger (Mary) Burmeister of Co. Bluffs; two daughters, Connie (Jerry) Paul of Woodland Park, CO and Diane Bro of Urbandale; one brother, Harry (Mena) Burmeister of Harlan; one sister, Zelda (Norman) Johannsen of Harlan; 12 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10, 1999 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Alvin Conrad, Dallas Klindt, Darell Muller and Waldo Johannsen. Casket bearers were Eric Burmeister, Marcus Burmeister, Mitchell Burmeister, Matthew Burmeister, Jeff Gallup, Kris Bro, Jeremy Bro, Michael Paul, Andy Bro and Jay Burmeister. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

