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Gene Callender, 72

Feb. 28, 1925 - Dec. 20, 1997

HARLAN - Gene Callender, son of Lee and Ella (Mouahill) Callender, was born Feb. 28, 1925, in Woodbine. He was baptized and confirmed at the Lutheran Church in Manning. He attended rural schools near Woodbine and later moved to the Manning area. He attended and graduated from Manning High School.

Dec. 26, 1945, he married Darlene Sunderland. One son, Donald, was born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed near Irwin and Manning and later bought a farm near Manilla. He farmed raising cattle and hogs. He like to buy John Deere toys for his grandsons and play with them. In February of 1990, they retired and moved to their present home in Harlan. Dec. 20, 1997, he died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 72, nine months and 20 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his two brothers, Merrill and Jerome. He is survived by his wife, Darlene of Harlan; his son, Donald (Mona) of West Des Moines; two grandsons, Alan and Adam of West Des Moines; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 22, 1997, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Wilcox of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Erv Pauley, Keith Saunders, Alan Jensen, Rob Rauterkus, Gary Sebern and Bob Lohrmann casket bearers.