

Eldred "E.J." Conrad, 92

July 20, 1919 - Feb. 20, 2012

HARLAN — Eldred John "E.J."

Conrad, the son of John Albert and Minnie Alice (Hilbert) Conrad, was born on July 20, 1919, in Primghar. He was raised on a farm near Primghar. E.J. attended school in Primghar and then went to country school west of Harlan, through the eighth grade. At the age of nine, E.J. began doing farm work.

June 27, 1943, Eldred married Sabina Julia Gubbels at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia. E.J. served in the United States Army during World War II. Following his discharge, he was employed as an equipment operator for the Iowa Department of Transportation. After 32 years, he retired in 1981. He also worked part-time as a maintenance worker for United Telephone for 20 years. E.J. liked to read and enjoyed woodworking and repairing antique furniture. In later years, he enjoyed sitting outside near his garage. Eldred "E.J." Conrad died on Monday, February 20, 2012, at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, having reached the age of 92 years and 7 months.

E.J. was preceded in death by his wife, Sabina, on March 30, 2007, and one sister, Ila Mae Wilcox. He is survived by four sons, John Conrad of West Des Moines, Dave (Diane) Conrad of Los Angeles, CA, William Conrad of Loveland, CO and Wally Conrad of Estes Park, CO; one daughter, Jane (Tim) McAleer of Coralville; four grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

A graveside service will be held on Friday, April 20, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the Harlan Cemetery with family members sharing memories. A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012, at noon at the St. Boniface Parish Center in Westphalia. Condolences may be left online at www.burmeisterjohannsen.com.



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