

Gaylord Doonan, 76 ✓

May 8, 1918 - Dec. 1, 1994

Harlan - Gaylord LaVerne Doonan, son of Frank and Anna (Jensen) Doonan was born May 8, 1918 in Jackson Township, Shelby County. He attended country school in Audubon and Shelby County.

Sept. 14, 1941, he married Loretta Abel at the Monroe Chapel United Methodist Church. Five children were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed on the same farm located six miles west of Elk Horn for the next 44 years before retiring in 1985. In 1990, they moved into Harlan, and this has been their home since that time. It was there that he died Dec. 1, 1994 at age 76 years, six months and 23 days. He was a lifetime member of the Monroe Chapel United Methodist Church as well as serving on various church boards. He also had served as Township Clerk for 22 years and served on the Shelby County Conservation Board for ten years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his twin brother, Dale. He is survived by his wife Loretta of Harlan - his children, Linda Ahrenholtz of Denison; Jane (Dean) Fabian of Elk Horn; Denise (Dennis) Juhl of Colorado Springs, CO; James (Shelly) Doonan of Dallas Center and Ann (Chuck) Wolken of Harlan; 15 grandchildren, one great-grandson; his mother-in-law, Gladys Abel of Creston and his aunt, Laura Henriksen, of Elk Horn and several other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 3, 1994 at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Carl Nash, David Stewart, Roger Parker Sr., Verle Doonan, John Haas and Harvey Greve casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.