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## Arthur David Doran, 66

Oct. 1, 1928 - Jan. 3, 1995

Harlan - Arthur David Doran. son of Walter and Hilda (Blichmann) Doran, was born Oct. 1, 1928, in Dubuque, He died Jan. 3, 1995 at Bishop Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, NE at age 66 years, three months and two days. When he was only ten years old, his mother died as a result of an auto accident in which he was thrown clear. He attended school in Dubuque and graduated from Dubuque Senior High School in 1946. While in school, he played football, was on the student council. and was a lifeguard. When he was sixteen his brother was killed in the Battle of the Bulge and just six months later his father died. After the death of his father, he made his home with his aunt and uncle, Elsa and Ben Triller, in Dubuque. June 13, 1946, he joined the United States Marine Corps and was Honorably Discharged May 11, 1947. He then attended the University of lowa and after 3 and one-half years he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. While attending the University of Iowa, he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity where he later served as vice-president, played football as a freshman and was elected to the University of Iowa Student Union Board.

June 24, 1950, he married Jean Christensen at the home of her parents in Harlan. Three children were born to this union. After finishing college, he worked for E.M. Christensen and later purchased the Oldsmobile-Cadillac dealership. He later added Pontiac, G.M.C. and American Motors and renamed the dealership Art Doran Motors which it



remained until 1988. After his retirement in 1989, he continued to make his home in Harlan.

He loved sailing on Lake Okoboji, watching the sunsets, and spending time with his family. He also played golf and pitch at the Harlan Golf and Country Club and enjoyed lowa Football games. He was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ, its church choir and the University of lowa Alumni Association.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Charles. He is survived by his wife Jean Doran of Harlan; his children: Kristen (Jim) Halbersleben of Omaha, NE; Charles (Karol) Doran of Rockford, IL and Lindsey (Gregory) Drake of Hamlin; his two granddaughters and other relatives.

A service celebrating his life was held Jan. 6, 1994 at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan with Rev. C.G. "Gary" Nienkamp officiating. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.