

Ardain "Toby" Eastman, 72

July 31, 1929 - Nov. 19, 2001

ALGONA - Ardain "Toby" Eastman was born July 31, 1929, in Atlantic, to Ardain and Edith (Clausen) Eastman. Toby moved to Renwick at an early age then graduated from Clear Lake High School in 1948. He worked as a meat cutter for National T., then moved to Corwith where he was a partner with his parents in the Corwith Cafe.

June 12, 1955, he married Marlene Coleman in the First Presbyterian Church in Irvington. He worked for Ray Bearnish in Ray's Jack Sprat and later, Toby and Marlene operated the Corwith Coffee Shop for a short time. He went to work for Fareway in 1959 in Algona then later in Independence, where he was assistant manager. He was also assistant manager in Waverly. From 1981 - 1987, Toby managed the Fareway store in Harlan. In 1987, they moved to Ft. Dodge and retired from Fareway after 32 years in 1992 due to health reasons. The couple then moved to Irvington. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Irvington, where he served as an Elder. He served as a Sunday School teacher while living in Independence, Irvington and Waverly. He was a former member of the Methodist Church in Waverly, Harlan and Ft. Dodge. He was also recording secretary for the Methodist Board of Missions for the state of Iowa. He was a member of Kiwanis since 1974, and presently was a member of the Algona Noon Kiwanis Club. He served as Distinguished Club President in 1976 - 1977, as Distinguished Lt. Governor from 1979 - 1980, and held various offices on the local, district and International levels in Kiwanis. He was also active in the Kiwanis Nebraska - Iowa Foundation. He was a member of Prudence Lodge #205 A.F. & A.M. in Algona. He was a charter member of the Chips Off The Old Block Club, serving as both president and treasurer. He died Nov. 19, 2001, at the Good Samaritan Center in Algona, as the result of his battle with cancer. He had been a resident there since September, 2001.

Toby was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Marlene, of Irvington; son, Mark (Jeanne) of Omaha, NE, and daughter, Deanna Clayton (Mike) of Ames; four grandchildren, Sara and Andy Clayton of Ames and Rachel and Connor Eastman of Omaha, NE; sisters-in-law, Geri Oelman (Jade) of Ackley; Judy Romer (Jim) of Algona; nephew, Loren Potter (Laura) and their daughter, Amelia, of Lincoln, ND; niece, Mary Potter of Ames, and nephew, James Romer of Ames.

Funeral services were held Nov. 23, 2001, at the First Presbyterian Church in Irvington, with Dr. Dave Ullom officiating. Burial was in the Laurel Hill Cemetery in Irvington. Honorary casket bearers were Dean Culbertson, Durwood Walker, Algona Noon Kiwanis Club, Chips Off The Old Block Club and Kiwanis Past Lt. Governors 1979 - 1980.

