

Gene Elmquist, 66

June 25, 1938 - April 15, 2005

MAPLETON — Gene Bernhard Elmquist was born June 25, 1938, in Kimballton, the son of Bennie and Tena (Christensen) Elmquist. He graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1956. Following graduation, he went to work for his father at the Elk Horn Elevator.

June 30, 1958, Gene married Kay Andersen in the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. In 1959, he purchased Mapleton Grain Company which he owned and operated until his death. He was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Mapleton and was very active in the Mapleton community throughout the years. He served as a Mapleton Trust and Savings Bank board member, St. Matthew Lutheran Church Treasurer, Mapleton City Council Member, and volunteered his time with the Boy Scouts. He was also a member of the Western Iowa Cycle Rider and Iowa Retreads motorcycle clubs. He died April 15, 2005, at his home in Mapleton, at age 66 years, nine months and 20 days.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Kay; three children, Todd (Jeannine) of Federal Way, WA; Toni (Krista) of Mapleton; and Shari Erlemeier (Leo) also of Mapleton; eight grandchildren, Joshua, Travis, and Brianne of Federal Way, WA; Adrienne, Erika, and Mitchell of Mapleton; Alicia Burns of Marshall, MN; and Shane Erlemeier of Mapleton; a brother, Gerald (Evelyn) of Elk Horn; and two sisters, Connie Benson (Edwin) of Irwin and Charlene Monson (Eugene) also of Irwin; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 18, 2005, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Mapleton with Pastor Scott Fiege officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Mapleton. Honorary casket bearers were his grandchildren, Joshua Elmquist, Travis Elmquist, Brianne Elmquist, Adrienne Elmquist, Erika Elmquist, Mitchell Elmquist, Alicia Burns and Shame Erlemeier. Casket bearers were Gary Thies, Bill Haerdon, Roger Ingram, Alan Andersen, Edwin Benson, Eugene Monson, Delbert Elmquist and Don Lauritsen. Armstrong Funeral Home in Mapleton in charge of arrangements.

