

## Donald Ewoldt, 70

*Dec. 11, 1935 - July 5, 2006*

**MANILLA** — Donald Gene, son of Hugo and Florence (Georgius) Ewoldt, was born Dec. 11, 1935, at Manning. He attended country school near Manilla and graduated from Manilla High School in 1954. He enlisted in the Army following high school. He served for three years in Baumholder, Germany, operating road equipment on construction projects. After his honorable discharge in 1958, Don worked as a truck driver for Milton Sinow in Aspinwall, then for Floyd Grage in Manilla.

Aug. 23, 1960, Don married Verna Bachman at St. Mary's Church in Auburn, celebrating 45 years of marriage. Five children were born to this union. Don operated Donald Ewoldt Trucking since 1966, and he was well known for hauling livestock and grain. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Manilla and was active in the Holy Name Society. He was involved in the Manilla Volunteer Fire Department for 35 years and was a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Following a sudden stroke, Don was transferred from Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison to Bergen Mercy Hospital in Omaha, NE. He died there early July 5, 2006, at age 70 years, six months and 23 days.

Preceding Don in death are his parents. He is survived by his wife, Verna Ewoldt of Manilla; children, Kathleen (Bruce) Carl of Harlan; Thomas Ewoldt (Traci) of Harlan; Annette (Robert) Wells of Lake View; LuAnn (Tim) Vollstedt of Arcadia; and Lynn Ewoldt (Kris) of Elkhorn, NE; eight grandchildren, Keith Carl; Taylor, Blake and McKenna Ewoldt; Abbie and Colton Wells; and Lauren and Morgan Anderson; brother, Stanley Ewoldt of Manning; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 8, 2006, at Sacred Heart Church in Manilla with Rev. Robert Gralapp, celebrant. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Manilla with military honors by American Legion Post #132. Casketbearers were Rick Dammann, Dan Muhlbaurer, Allen Ehlers, Leonard Kaufmann, Loren Ferry, Alan Jensen, Jim Martens and Gerald Jurgensen. Honorary casketbearers were Leo Ertz, Earl Sheffield, Milton Sinow, Jerry Conlin, Roger Georgius and Arlo Claussen. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.