

Wilbert Hemminger, 86

June 29, 1917 - Dec. 27, 2003

HARLAN – Wilbert "Webb" Francis Hemminger, son of Francis and Pearl (Holdsworth) Hemminger, was born June 29, 1917, on a farm near Manilla. He graduated from Manilla High School in 1936, and began working as a hired farm hand. During World War II, Webb served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

July 4, 1943, he married Jean Ruth Christensen at the Army Chapel in Springfield, MO. After Webb returned from the service, the couple farmed two miles south of Cortey. They retired from farming in 1962. Webb then worked on the Squealer Research Farm and as a field man for the Kimballton Creamery. For nearly seven years after retirement, he drove a bus for Southwest Iowa Transit. Webb was an active member of the Altamont Baptist Church in rural Harlan, and later the First Baptist Church in Harlan. He served in various positions, including Financial Board member, usher, deacon and youth fellowship sponsor. He died Dec. 27, 2003, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 86 years, five months and 28 days.



Preceding Webb in death were his parents; one brother, Harvey Hemminger; and one daughter-in-law, B.J. Hemminger. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jean Hemminger of Harlan; three sons, Dennis (Angela) Hemminger of Blair, NE; and Dale (Pat) Hemminger and Dwayne Hemminger, both of Harlan; two brothers, Lewis (Leona) Hemminger of Elk Horn and LeRoy (Joyce) Hemminger of Rogers, AR; one sister, Betty (Ben) Seifkes of Beatrice, NE; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren (triplets) and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 30, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan, with Pastor Gundar Lamberts officiating. Casket bearers were Seth Hemminger, Shad Hemminger, Corrine Hemminger, Reid Hemminger, Heather Hemminger and Holly Hemminger. Military rites were performed by the Helmer Reyelt AL Post #150 and the Shelby County VFW Post #941. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.