

Thomas Kelley, ↓

May 5, 1931 - Feb. 22, 2011

LAKE VIEW — Tom Kelley, age 79, of Lake View, formerly of Harlan, passed away suddenly Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at McAllen Medical Center in McAllen, TX. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 28, 2011, at The Lakes United Methodist Church in Lake View. Visitation was from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 27, 2011, at the Farber and Otteman Funeral Home in Lake View. Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Monday, at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Audubon, with burial to follow.

Thomas B. Kelley was born on May 5, 1931, to parents Walter and Clara (Thielen) Kelley in Harlan. He grew up on a farm outside of Harlan and attended rural country school. He graduated from Harlan High School with the class of 1949.

In June 1953 Tom married Sandra Frank at her parents' home. To this union three boys were born: Jeff, Brian, and Todd. He was fortunate to find love again in Phyllis Schmidt-Lauridsen, and they were married in the Lutheran Church in July of 1999 in Audubon. Tom served his country in the United States Marine Corps. Upon being honorably discharged from the service he drove a school bus, farmed, and was the owner and operator of Harlan Feed Service until 1995. He maintained his trucking business "Kelley Trucking" until his retirement in 2004. At that time he and Phyllis moved their permanent residence from Audubon to Lake View, and continued spending their summers on Black Hawk Lake and their winters in McAllen, TX. Tom loved to go dancing, golfing, fishing, and boating. He also had a love of horses. Some of his most special memories were spending time at his grandchildren's activities. He will be truly missed by all those that knew and loved him.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Clara, and his brother William Kelley. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Phyllis; sons: Jeff (Debra) Kelley of Ida Grove, Brian (Carol) Kelley of Eagle Grove, and Todd (Stacey) Kelley of Harlan; step-sons: Keith (Connie) Lauridsen of Norfolk, NE, and James (Julie) Lauridsen of Urbandale; grandchildren: Kristin (Nathan) Boysen of Ida Grove, Craig (Kayla) Kelley of Omaha, NE, Paul Kelley of Eagle Grove, Patrick Kelley of Pella, Marissa (Andrew) Bierl of Vandenberg AF Base, CA, and Erin Kelley of Harlan; step-grandchildren: Jennifer and Brittany Lauridsen of Omaha, NE,



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and Loren and Leah Kane, and Dillon Lauridsen all of Urbandale; great-grandchildren Colton and Carson Boysen; and many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

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