

Walter Kelly, 81

Aug. 5, 1920 – Jan. 1, 2002

DENISON – Walter Kelly was born at Storm Lake, Aug. 5, 1920, son of Charles G. and Gertrude Johnson Kelly. He was raised in rural Sac County receiving his education in the rural schools. During World War II, from Aug. 10, 1942 until his discharge Nov. 9, 1945, he served his country in the United States Army in the European, African and Middle Eastern Theaters. Upon his discharge, he returned to Sac County.

Sept. 17, 1947, he married Alice Bettin at the Presbyterian Church in Early. Their union was blessed with four children, John, Mollie, Mary and Alan. From 1947 until 1963, the couple farmed in Sac and Cerro Gordo Counties. In 1963, the Kelly's moved to Denison where he was employed at IBP until his retirement due to health reasons in 1976. Following retirement, they continued to reside in Denison. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Denison where, in earlier years, he had served as a Deacon and he was a former member of the American Legion. Alice died Jan. 4, 1999, and shortly after her death, he moved to Harlan, where he had since resided. He died Jan. 1, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 81 years, four months and 26 days.

Including his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by one brother, Lester Kelly; one sister, Mildred Davis, and a son-in-law, LeRoy Remmick. He is survived by his four children, John Kelly of Cimarron, KS; Mollie Remmick of Harlan; Mary (Jim) Hederman of Chino Hills, CA; and Alan Kelly (Lyn) of Harlan; daughter-in-law, Suzanne Kelly of Vail; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; one sister, Pauline (Fred) Cramer of Newell; brothers and sisters-in-law, Don and Leona Bettin of Odebolt; Helen Bettin of Odebolt and Lorraine and Paul Fix of Vinton; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services were held Jan. 5, 2002, at the United Presbyterian Church in Denison, with the Rev. Thomas S. Buzbee officiating. Military honors were provided by the American Legion-Post 8, Denison. The Pfannebecker Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.