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Homer W. Kinney, 90 ✓

July 26, 1914 - May 28, 2005

ALTOONA — Homer W. Kinney was born in Polk County July 26, 1914, the seventh of eight sons born to James Henry Kinney and Ellen Pritchard Kinney. He grew up on a farm east of Bondurant, where he graduated from high school in 1935. He participated in all sports at the school and continued as a catcher for a men's softball team after high school. Following high school, he continued to help on the family farm and also worked for neighboring farmers and his cousin, Vincent Pritchard.

Homer married Florence Lenore Hill April 7, 1940, at the Methodist Church in Farrar, and they raised three children, Eleanor, Edwin and Carl. Having purchased the family farm, they continued farming until his retirement. For many years, he was an outstanding salesman for Pioneer Hybrid Seed Company. He was one of the founders of the Bondurant Federated Church and instrumental in the construction of the church building. Both Homer and Florence were faithful church members and held many positions in the church. Following his retirement, they lived in Altoona and most recently at Elm Crest Retirement Community. He died May 28, 2005, at age 90.

Homer was preceded in death by his parents and his seven brothers. He is survived by Florence, his wife of 65 years, of Harlan; three children, Eleanor (Ed) Gambs of Logan; Edwin Kinney (Velda) of Altoona; and Carl Kinney (Dania) of Scottsdale, AZ; six grandchildren, Marc Kinney of Altoona; Laurel (Don) Klitgaard of Harlan; Bethany Kinney (Scott Griswold) of Bondurant; De Ann (Richard) Rush of Altoona; Nick Gams (Renae) of Dunlap; and Barbara Gambs of Bartlett, NE; great-grandchildren, Ellen and Jack Klitgaard; Nicholas and Claire Gambs, McKenzie Griswold and Payton Rush.

Funeral services were held June 1, 2005, at the Bondurant Federated Church. The Altoona Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

