

David Klindt, 71

May 19, 1932 - Oct. 26, 2003

AVOCA – David Lee Klindt was born at home in Fairview Township, Shelby County, May 19, 1932, the son of Carl Peter and Stella Lee Klindt, and was one of six children in the family. He was baptized at Altamont Baptist Church. David attended Fairview No. 6 School and graduated from Harlan High School with the class of 1950. He served his country in the U.S. Army, serving 18 months in Korea.

Feb. 1, 1959, David married a neighbor girl he had known all his life, Wilma Jean "Jeanie" Carroll. They were the parents of three children, Valerie, Kimarie and Dallas. They farmed in Shelby County for 31 years, then moved south of Avoca where they continued to farm. He was a "John Deere Man", and purchased several old tractors, spending hours repairing them mechanically until they were in perfect running condition. David became a confirmed member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca in 1960, where he was an active member, served on the church council and various committees. He was a member of the Shelby-Tennant School Board for nine years, serving as president of the Board for five years. He was a member of the Shelby County Agricultural Stabilization Committee (ASC) for eight years and a Fairview Township Trustee for many years. Due to health problems in 1999, he was forced to give up farming, but continued to help his son, Dallas, with farming. David entered Creighton Medical Center Oct. 12, 2003, and died there Oct. 26, 2003, at age 71 years, five months and seven days.

David was preceded in death by his parents; his grandson, David James Klindt; and his brother, Lee Klindt. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jeanie; two daughters, Valerie (Rod) Green of Bellevue, NE and Kimarie (Alan) Maassen of Avoca; a son, Dallas Klindt (Kendra) of Harlan; five grandchildren, Carl and Kale Maassen, Karli and Katie Green and Marissa Klindt; three brothers, Max Klindt (Phyllis) of Avoca; Ralph Klindt (Alice) of Avoca; and James Klindt (Margy) of Atlantic; a sister, Muriel McIntosh of Honey Creek; a sister-in-law, Bernice Klindt of Council Bluffs; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 30, 2003, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Lou Hoger officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Avoca and Shelby American Legion. Casket bearers were Harold Ronnfeldt, Dean Klindt, John Lee, Lynn Shugart, Bruce McIntosh, John Oehlert, Jerry Kaufman and Jim Schechinger. Pauley Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

