

Max L. Klindt,**89****Feb. 12, 1929 - May 24, 2018**

AVOCA – Max L. Klindt, son of Carl and Stella (Lee) Klindt, was born February 12, 1929 north east of Avoca. He was baptized and a life-long member of the Altamont Baptist Church in rural Harlan. He attended grade school at Fairview Township #6 and high school until the 11th grade in Harlan. Max started his farming career north of Avoca in 1950.

On February 4, 1950, Max was united in marriage to Phyllis Schroder at her parent's house in rural Avoca. To this union, four daughters were born: Virginia, Charlene, Marjorie and Bernitta. Max and Phyllis met at a basketball game in Avoca and their first date was watching a movie at the Legion Hall. They bought a farm west of Avoca in 1962 and moved there in 1963. That was their home for nearly 10 years before moving in March of 1973 to their current farm. Max and Phyllis took several farm tours, traveled through forty-eight states and seven different countries. They also took many tours and traveled with the Neihart family. For many years, Max was one of the trustee's for the Knox Township. He was also a very active member in the church; holding the offices of trustee, deacon, usher, and mowing the grounds.

Max enjoyed going to farm sales with his brothers and throughout his farming career, Max has owned 52 John Deere tractors. He loved his family unconditionally; even on his final days, you'd catch him teasing and scaring his grandchildren. Four daughters did not deter Max from teaching them farming activities. As his children grew older, he taught them how to feed chickens, hogs and cattle, grind feed, clean the hog house and floors (even when they chose to do it barefoot), plow fields, make hay, walk beans and watch grain into the elevator at harvest time. Max was very devoted to his family and he had strong faith in the Lord.

Max died at Avoca Specialty Care Center on Thursday, May 24, 2018, having attained the age of 89 years, three months, and 12 days. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife Phyllis, brothers Lee and David Klindt, sister Muriel McIntosh, brother-in-laws Lenard and Gordon Schroder, sister-in-law Annabel Schroder, and grandson Jeremiah Ruffcorn.

He is survived by his daughters Virginia and her husband Don Bubke of Avoca; Charlene and her husband Ron Ruffcorn of Avoca; Marjorie Bojanski of Council Bluffs; Bernitta and her husband Bob Goettsch of Avoca; grandchildren Kelley and her husband Fran Schaut; Kristi and her husband Bob Regenwether; Justin Piittmann and his wife Tamara; Nickolas Ruffcorn and his wife Lisa; Angela and her husband Jason Lauritsen; Robert Widick and his wife Dorota; Jennifer and her husband Eric Beckman; Dana Bojanski; Stephanie and her husband Brian Geraghty; Jeff Goettsch and his wife Rachel; Jennifer Goettsch; great grandchildren Madison Schaut; Jessica, Greta and Cody Regenwether; Jordynne and Andralynne Piittmann; Brett Mohr; Whitney and Danielle Ruffcorn; Dylan, Bailey and Colton Lauritsen; Alexander and Oliver Widick; Joelle Beckman; Caden, Cole and Hailey Geraghty; Jake and Layne Goettsch; great-great grandchildren Jaydynn and Jersie Mohr; brothers: Ralph Klindt and his wife Alice of Avoca; James Klindt and his wife Margy of Atlantic; brothers and sisters-in-law: Wilma Jean Klindt of Avoca; Loren Schroder and his wife Elaine of Avoca; Marvin Schroder and his wife Carole of Walnut; Janiece Schroder of Avoca; many other relatives and friends.

A 10:30 AM Funeral Service was conducted by Pastor Gina Slechta on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at Altamont Baptist Church in rural Harlan. Kelly Schaut, Kristi Regenwether, Justin Piittmann, Nickolas Ruffcorn, Angela Lauritsen, Robert Widick, Jennifer Beckman, Dana Bojanski, Stephanie Geraghty, Jeff Goettsch and Jennifer Goettsch served as active casket bearers. Dean Bubke, Jeremiah Ruffcorn, Ralph Klindt and James Klindt served as honorary casket bearers. Max was laid to rest at Cuppy's Grove Cemetery in rural Harlan.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca was in charge of arrangements.

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