

Raymond Knight, 75

Jan. 8, 1928 - Sept. 18, 2003

HARLAN — Raymond Jean Knight, the son of Arthur and Edna Sorenson Knight, was born Jan. 8, 1928, at Atlantic. He attended Jackson School, Parks School in Des Moines, Roosevelt High School and graduated from Harlan High School in May of 1946. His parents moved from Des Moines to Harlan, where they purchased a bakery in January of 1946. Upon graduation, Raymond helped his parents in their bakery.

June 13, 1948, he married Bonnie Cox at Harlan. Three children were born to this union, Kathy, Steve and Nancy. After their marriage, he continued to work at the bakery and Bonnie worked as a secretary to the Superintendent of Schools. In 1963, they purchased the bakery from his parents. Most of the newer bakeries used ready-mixes, but Raymond continued to use the "formulas" from his grandfather, Jap, and his father, Arthur. These "formulas" were from scratch, where all the fresh eggs were cracked for the angel food cake and all the ingredients were weighed. Raymond was very skilled at what he did. Baking ran in his family; his grandfather, father, uncles and male first cousins all baked. Raymond and Bonnie sold the bakery in December of 1991. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Harlan. Raymond died Sept. 18, 2003, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 75 years, eight months and 10 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Knight of Harlan; his children, Kathy (Clen) Lincoln of Fort Dodge; Steve Knight of Harlan; and Nancy (Dave) Jacobs of Harlan; six grandchildren, Aaron Lincoln of Sioux City; Brian Lincoln of Fort Dodge; Carrie Nielsen of Slater; Emily Jacobs of Ames; Katie Jacobs of Ames; Daniel Jacobs of Harlan; four great-grandchildren, Joseph, Abigail and Addison Lincoln and Alex Nielsen; his brother, Ronald Knight (Jackie) of Green Valley, AZ; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 20, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Gundar Lamberts officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Aaron Lincoln, Farrell Zimmerman, Clen Lincoln, Elliott Svendsen, Dave Jacobs and Doug Svendsen casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

