

Lloyd Knott, 85

June 4, 1918 - Feb. 20, 2004

MANILLA – William Lloyd Knott, son of George H. and Delia (Giblin) Knott, was born June 4, 1918, in Iowa Township, Crawford County. He grew up near Manilla, attending country school at Iowa Township #4 and graduated from Manilla High School in 1936. Following graduation, he worked with his dad and brothers on the family farm. From May of 1941 to November of 1945, Lloyd served in the United States Army. He was a member of the Corps of Engineers and helped build the AI/Can Highway. After receiving his honorable discharge, Lloyd worked as a mason and carpenter in Portland, OR. During his stay in Oregon, he attended business school, receiving his degree in 1948. He then returned to Iowa to resume work on the family farm. In addition to farming for several years, Lloyd was a working partner with Dr. Boyd Merrick in his Pathogen Free Swine operation. In the late 1980's, he retired from farming and moving into Manilla to care for his brother and sister. Throughout the years, he was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Knights of Columbus, AFL/CIO labor union and the American Legion. Feb. 20, 2004, he fell in his home and died unexpectedly at Crawford County Memorial Hospital in Denison, at age 85 years, eight months and 16 days.

Besides his parents, Lloyd was preceded in death by four brothers, Floyd, Francis, Edward and George Knott, Jr.; and three sisters, Anna Mae Reiff, Estelle, Kelly and LaVerne Knott. He is survived by his sister, Alice Knott of Manilla; sisters-in-law, Helen Knott of Manilla and Judy Knott of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 23, 2004, at Sacred Heart Church in Manilla, with Rev. Robert Gralapp celebrant. Casket bearers were Larry Knott, Mike Knott, Bill Reiff, Don Perschau, Tim Kleemeier and Ernie Shelton. Military honors were provided by the American Legion Post 132. Burial was in the Mount Olivet Cemetery, Manilla.