

John Knudson, 67

Aug. 18, 1940 - Aug. 30, 2007

HARLAN - John Wallace Knudson, son of J. Wallace and Ila (Andersen) Knudson, was born Aug. 18, 1940, at the Harlan hospital and baptized at the Altamont Baptist Church in rural Harlan. He was the third generation of his family to complete elementary school at Fairview #1 School and graduated from Harlan High School in 1959.

Feb. 18, 1962, John married Patricia Rasmussen at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Three sons were born to this union, Rodney, Gaige, and Corey. After their wedding, John and Patricia moved south of Corley where they farmed for six years. In 1968, they moved west of Avoca where they farmed for an additional six years. Then in 1974, they moved onto the Knudson home farm outside of Harlan where they farmed for 33 years. During his farming days he also sold seed with DeKalb for 20 years. John was a very active individual and served on numerous committees at the Altamont Baptist Church and on the Corley Community Board for several years. He was an active member at the Altamont Baptist Church and served several terms as trustee. He died Aug. 30, 2007, at Bergan Mercy Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 67 years and 12 days.

John is preceded in death by his father, J. Wallace Knudson. He is survived by his mother, Ila, of Harlan; his wife of 45 years, Patricia, of Harlan; his children, Rodney Knudson (Rhonda), Gaige Knudson (Heather) all of Harlan; and Corey Knudson (Kelly) of Atlantic; seven grandchildren, Tara, Ethan, Kyle, Austin, Delaney, Josie, and Henry; and one sister, Karen (Jeffrey) Smith of West Chester, PA; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 3, 2007, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Rev. Diana Holland officiating. Burial was held at Cuppy's Grove Cemetery, rural Harlan, with Neil Ohms, Marty Schuemann, Robert Scheel, Dick Andersen, Brent Rasmussen, and Doug Robinson casket bearers.

