

Cleo Krause, 73

July 29, 1932 - Nov. 3, 2005

KIMBALLTON — Cleo LeRoy, son of LeRoy and Blanche (Rabe) Krause, was born on the family farm near Lewis, July 29, 1932. He attended country school then Griswold High School. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's United Church of Christ south of Lyman. Cleo left school to work the family farm when his father was injured. He then drove truck for Leroy Taylor in the Lyman area. Cleo worked as a mechanic and in construction before getting back to farming. He farmed until he lost his legs in the early 1980's.

April 13, 1974, Cleo married Donna Rudolph at the Exira Lutheran Church. From 1983 until a few weeks before his death, Cleo worked for Hansen Poultry in Kimballton, picking and dressing chickens. He built shelves and doll furniture in his woodworking shop, and he and Donna took them to craft shows together. For the last decade, Cleo tended a large one-acre vegetable garden. After a short hospital stay, Cleo died at Cass County Memorial Hospital Nov. 3, 2005, at age 73 years, three months and five days.

Preceding Cleo in death are his parents and brother, Lloyd Krause. He is survived by his wife, Donna Krause of Kimballton; two children, Rick Krause and friend, Patti Larson of Griswold; Becky (Brian) Steffens of Atlantic; five grandchildren, Kara (Terry) Toxell, Josh Krause (Kate), Brandon Krause, Justin and Preston Harter; six great-grandchildren; sister, Joycè (Gordon) Amos of Griswold; three very special girls who helped in his shop, Dee Huey, Kerry Watts and Jodi Petersen; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 7, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, with Pastor Henry Flessner officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Dean Bates, Veral Sorensen, Larry Clark, Mel Lange, Doug Jensen, Tom Huey, Troy Hansen, Lloyd Petersen and Allen Watts. Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton in charge of arrangements.