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Duane Linden, 66

HARLAN - Duane Oliver Linden, the son of Oscar and Edith (McKeighan) Linden was born Feb. 18, 1924, on a farm near Portsmouth. He was baptized at the Tennant Methodist Church, attended country school in Shelby Co., and graduated from Tennant High School. April 3, 1944, he entered the U.S. Army, serving his country during WW II in the European, African, and Middle East Theatres. After receiving his honorable discharge on April 25, 1946, he continued his military service in the U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard where he retired with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. During this time, he served as a Winter Operations Specialist where tours of duty included Alaska and Norway. After 1946, he returned to Shelby Co. to farm.

Jan. 10, 1950, he married Bernice Andersen at the Tennant Methodist Church. One son and seven daughters were born to this union. After their marriage, they farmed in Shelby co., and also in Mercer, MO. He was also active as an insurance underwriter for Farm Bureau in Shelby co., and operated D & L Trucking with his son. He had acquired a real estate license, and was active in many other civic projects and organizations including the Tennant School board, Administrative boards and the Soil Conservation Service. They moved into their present home in Harlan in 1982, but he remained actively involved until he became ill. He died April 22, 1990 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 66 years, two months and four days. He was an active past member of the Tennant United Methodist Church, and was presently a member of Grace Baptist Church in Harlan. They were privileged to have celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary this past Jan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, David in infancy. Surviving him is his wife, Bernice of Harlan; a son, Dean of Edwards, CO.; his daughters, Sharon (Darrel) Mathiasen, Shirley (Ed) Troll and Sarah (Jack) Christensen all of Harlan; Susan (Fred) Nelson of Audubon; Sally (Capt. James) Kolling of Colorado Springs, CO.; and Sena and Shawn Linden both of Ames; seven grandchildren; five brothers, Darrell and Douglas both of Harlan; Dana of Manassas, VA.; Dallas of Tennant and Dewey of Elk Horn; three sisters, Esther Linden of Tennant; Helen Hirschhorn of Kerman, CA.; and Wilma McClure of Kingfield, MN.; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 25, 1990 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Joe S. Osborn of Grace Baptist Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Bernard Cox, David Gibson, Junior Martin, Mervin Schnack, Myron Sorensen, and Kenneth Christensen serving as honorary casketbearers. Serving as casketbearers were Dean Linden, Edward Troll, Jack Christensen, Frederick Nelson, Darrel Mathiasen and Capt. James Kolling.