

Darrell Mardesen, 74

Oct. 23, 1935 - Sept. 1, 2010

ELK HORN — Darrell Gene, son of Vernon and Mary Grace (Pedersen) Mardesen, was born October 23, 1935 in Oakfield Township, Audubon County. He graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1955. Darrell was baptized at St. Paul's Church in Atlantic and confirmed at Oak Hill Church. Darrell worked as a bus driver and bus barn superintendent, then headed west to the Los Angeles, CA, area for two years. He worked for Western Electric and he also served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1954-65.

September 13, 1959, Darrell was united in marriage with Sue (Lylia) Jensen at Elk Horn Lutheran Church. He operated a corn sheller until 1965 when he began farming. Darrell continued farming until 2000, when he rented his land. The couple moved to Elk Horn in 2005. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards and visiting with his friends in his spare time. Darrell died suddenly and unexpectedly at Audubon County Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at the age of 74 years, 10 months and 9 days.

Darrell is preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law Lyle Jensen; son-in-law Dan Hartvigsen; and brother-in-law John Jensen. He is survived by his wife Sue Mardesen of Elk Horn; four children: Cindy Boyd (Tom) of Omaha, NE; Gene Mardesen (Sue) of Elk Horn; Clara Wambold (David) of Council Bluffs; and Carol Hartvigsen of Kimballton; four grandchildren: Megan and Nick Mardesen and Kyle and Paige Wambold; brother Richard Mardesen (Sara) of Elk Horn; sister Sharon Nelson (Richard) of Omaha, NE; mother-in-law Roma Jensen of Avoca; brothers-in-law Merlin Jensen (Jackie) of Avoca and Bruce Jensen (Linda) of Council Bluffs; sisters-in-law Colleen Schnepel (Gary) of Omaha and Arleen Reid (Harold) of Carlisle; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held Friday, September 3, 2010, after 5:00 at the Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton. Funeral services were held Saturday, September 4, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Reverend Keith Andrew Menter officiating. Music was "Life's Railway To Heaven" with Tom Potts vocalist and "How Great Thou Art" with Rev. Menter vocalist and Nancy Watson, accompanist. Casketbearers were Paige Wambold, Megan Mardesen, Nick Mardesen, Kyle Wambold, Heath Mardesen, Adam Mardesen, Brent Madsen, and Greg Madsen. Honorary casketbearers were Darrell's many friends and fishing and card playing buddies. Interment was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery.

*Ohde
Funeral
Home*

(712) 655-3416

www.ohdefuneralhome.com

P O Box 247, Manning

Also in Bayard, Carroll, Coon
Rapids, Kimballton, Manilla