

## Robert "Bob" McDermott, 76

*Nov. 12, 1927 - Aug. 8, 2004*

**ATLANTIC** – Robert J. McDermott was born at home Nov. 12, 1927, near Walnut, to Harry and Josephine McDermott. He attended rural school near Walnut, and graduated from Walnut High School in 1945.

Bob married Shirley Gearhart at the Harlan Methodist Church Jan. 15, 1949. As a married couple, They raised their family and farmed in the Grant, Harlan, Irwin, Marne and Atlantic areas. Bob was a member and past treasurer of the Buck Creek United Methodist Church. He died Aug. 8, 2004, at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Clarence, Austin, Herbert and Richard McDermott; his father and mother-in-law, Ellis and Blanche Gearhart; and a sister-in-law, Leota Hansen. Survivors include his wife, Shirley McDermott; two daughters, Becky Riesgaard (Gary) of Brayton; Beth Harrington (Bob) of Lawrence, KS; two sons, Tony McDermott (Theresa) of Madill, OK; and Todd McDermott (Anne) Walnut; 12 grandchildren, Christopher Riesgaard (Gina) Bellisario; Benjamin Riesgaard; Laura, Anna, Kelly and Casey Harrington; Lindsey and Courtney McDermott; Shane, Ryan, Jesse and Tristan McDermott; one great-grandchild, Bailey Riesgaard; one sister, Velma Fell (Tom) of Walnut; five sisters-in-law, Juanita McDermott of Harlan; Marjorie McDermott of Walnut; Joanne McDermott of Fountain Valley, CA; Kay McDermott of Sun City, AZ; and Myrna Poldberg (Dale) of Harlan; five brothers-in-law, Hale Gearhart (Shirley) of Great Falls, MT; Lynn Gearhart of Harlan; Charles Gearhart (Esther) of Harlan; Stuart Gearhart (Carolyn) of Reno, NV; and Edward Hansen (Catherine) of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 11, 2004, at the Roland Funeral Home with Rev. Karen Hoff of the United Methodist Church of Fontanelle officiating. Burial was in the Atlantic Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Charles Mortensen, Howard Hansen, Donald Bornholdt, Howard Christensen and Everett Kuehl. Casket bearers were Dennis Schwanke, Leroy Glissmann, Todd Schuler, John Schwanke, Dwayne Bornholdt and Jerry Laube.