

Wayne Plagman, 70

April 18, 1941 - April 23, 2011

IRWIN – Wayne Henry Plagman was born on April 18, 1941 to Henry and Margaret (Kay) Plagman. He attended country schools through the eighth grade and went on to graduate from Harlan High School with the Class of 1959. He worked construction building grain bins and helped his uncle Hugh Mulligan farm before joining the Army National Guard in November of 1964. He received an honorable discharge in September of 1969 but was reactivated in the Army during the Vietnam conflict and served an additional five months and seven days. Wayne worked for Farmland Foods for almost forty years before retiring in 2003. Even after his retirement, he kept busy continuing to haul in crops and doing construction work. He also worked delivering Pioneer seed for local area farmers.



Wayne was united in marriage to Karen Cadwell on November 29, 1969 in Irwin. The couple raised two daughters: Deborah and Darlene, as well as thirteen foster children. Wayne was also a pal to Karen's many day care kids. They spent the first years of their marriage on a farm west of Irwin before purchasing a home in Irwin. He was one of the original group of Emergency Medical Technicians and spent twenty years doing that as well as forty years as a volunteer fireman for Irwin. Wayne was a past member of the Irwin City Council and also served as mayor of Irwin during the 1970's. Wayne loved to go fishing and went with a group of buddies from Irwin every year to Canada until 2003. In later years, some of that same group went to South Dakota. He had a huge garden that he kept weed-free. He was an excellent gardener and shared his crops of tomatoes and sweet corn with everyone. He enjoyed woodworking and built all the cabinets in his home. He was a handyman and volunteered his time helping the elderly residents fixing things up around their homes or shoveling snow in the winter months. Wayne died unexpectedly on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at Myrtue Medical Center having attained the age of seventy years and five days.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of forty-one years Karen Plagman of Irwin; his daughters Deborah and Darlene; and sisters: Marilyn Burger of Harlan, Frances and her husband Merle Bettcher of Harlan, and Ruth Ann Warren of Gretna, NE; other family members and many friends.

Pastor Leila Blackburn officiated the 10:30 a.m. funeral service on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at the United Methodist Church in Irwin. Honorary casket bearers were Larry Kington, Donald Schaben, and the Irwin Fire and Rescue Department. Serving as casket bearers were Eugene Monson, Lyle Campbell, Al Plumb, Orrin Bruhn, Bob Burton, Rowly Bur-

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ton, Lynn Gaskill, and Harold Plagman. Military Rites were held at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin by Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150. A fire bell service and final call were performed by area volunteer firefighters.

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