

Franklin Rasmussen, 74 ✓

Jan. 16, 1934 - Oct. 6, 2008

HARLAN — Franklin "Fraz" Christian Rasmussen, the son of Hans Christian and Lula (Boeck) Rasmussen, was born on January 16, 1934, in Harlan, IA. Franklin was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. He attended Elementary and High School in Harlan, graduating in 1952. In 1953, Franklin enlisted in the Marine Corps; he was discharged in 1956. He returned home to help his father with the family business, the Harlan Cement Works. Franklin purchased the business from his father when he retired. In 2000, Franklin's son, Mark, who had worked at the Cement Works since age 14, purchased the business from his father. In the 1980's, Franklin and Bill Brower worked together to build homes in the Harlan area.



In 1957, Franklin was married to Doris Dalrymple. Two children, Mark and Erik, were born to this union.

January 21, 1989, Franklin married Donna Marie Williams at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA. Franklin was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, where he had served as treasurer. He was also active with the Boy Scouts. Franklin, along with Ed Swank and Jerry Lytle, founded Concerned, Inc. in Harlan. This service began in a small house on Eighth Street in Harlan. It was later relocated to a new building on Willow Street, and now is located on Industrial Parkway. He loved to fish in Missouri and Canada, and enjoyed traveling with Donna. Franklin C. Rasmussen died on Monday, October 6, 2008, in Harlan, IA, at the age of 74 years, 8 months, and 20 days.

Franklin was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Bob Rasmussen; and one sister, Karlene Rasmussen. He is survived by his wife, Donna (Williams) Rasmussen of Harlan, IA; two sons, Mark Rasmussen of Harlan, IA, and Erik Rasmussen of Glenwood, IA; two grandchildren, Matthew Rasmussen of Harlan, IA, and Katie Ann Rasmussen of Ames, IA; and other relatives and friends.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, October 9, 2008, at Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in Harlan, IA, with Pastor Steve Chellew of Immanuel Lutheran Church officiating. Serving as honorary bearers were Mark Hervey, Chris Whitaker, Ron Mathiasen, Gary Murray, Byron Christensen, and Larry Reep. Military rites were provided by the Harlan VFW Post #941 and the Helmer Reyelt AL Post #150. Burial of ashes was in the Harlan Cemetery. Condolences maybe left online at www.burmeisterjohannsen.com.

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