

## Harold Leroy Richards, 78

*June 1, 1923 – Sept. 27, 2001*

**HARLAN** – Harold Leroy Richards, son of Roy and Winnie (Prindle) Richards, was born June 1, 1923, in Kearney, NE. He grew up on a farm near Kearney, and was a 1941 Kearney High School graduate. After graduation, he came to Kirkman, and began farming.

Dec. 22, 1943, he married Marjorie E. Henriksen in Jacksonville. Harold entered into the military April 5, 1945, and served his country until Oct. 19, 1946. After he returned from the Army, the couple farmed near Corley. In 1954, they moved to Jackson Township to farm their own land. In 1981, they moved to Kimballton, where they lived for 18 years. He moved to Harlan, in September, 2000, and had recently become a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community. He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, where he had served on the church board. He was an active citizen who was a Farm Bureau member, and a former member of the Progressive Danes of Kimballton, as well as the Kimballton City Council. He died Sept. 27, 2001, at the Elm Crest Retirement Community at age 78 years, three months and 26 days.

Preceding Harold in death were his parents; one sister, Clarabel Nielsen; and one daughter, Karen Schelling. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Richards of the Elm Crest Retirement Community; one daughter, Jill (Dave) Clark of Harlan; one son-in-law, Brian Schelling of Rochester, MN; one sister, Frances Petersen of Wichita Falls, TX; four grandsons; four great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 1, 2001, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Pastor Henry Flessner officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Harold's grandchildren and great grandchildren. Casket bearers were Randy Henriksen, Warren Ladd, Charlie Henriksen, Andy Anderson, Kelly Doonan, Dale Juelsgaard and Roland Eskov. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.