

## Robert Sleister, 76

Dec. 6, 1919 - March 9, 1996

**MANILLA** - Robert, son of Hero and Mabel Fuller Sleister, was born Dec. 6, 1919 on a farm near Manilla. He attended Greeley #1 Rural School and continued his education at Manilla High School, graduating with the class of 1936. After graduating, Robert began farming where he was born.

Nov. 9, 1940 he married Betty Hansen. Six children, David, Larry, Paulette, Dennis, James and Kathy, were born to this union. He lived his entire life on the farm where he was born, raising hogs for over 40 years and maintaining a dairy herd. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Manilla where he taught Sunday School and served on the church board. He was awarded the Iowa Farmer Degree by the state FFA, and was recognized for his soil conservation practices by Shelby County Conservation Corps in 1978. He remained active in farming until his death. After a brief hospitalization, he died March 9, 1996 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines at age 76 years, three months and three days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Russell Sleister, Floyd Sleister and Bernard Sleister and a grandson, Ryan Hammer. Survivors include his wife, Betty of Manilla; his children, David Sleister (Priscilla) of Exira; Larry Sleister (Patricia) of Guthrie Center; Paulette (Raymond) Hammer of Omaha, NE; Dennis Sleister of Warwick, RI; James Sleister (Sheila) of West Burlington and Kathy (Wayne) Oliver of Lees Summit, MO; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Thelma Campbell of Harlan and Helen (Bob) Maki of Seattle, WA; a brother-in-law, Charles Hansen (Marline) of Colorado Springs, CO; a special cousin and friend, Robert Fuller, since childhood, a special neighbor, Bruce Gollobit; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 14, 1996 at the United Methodist Church, Manilla with Rev. Kenneth Ritchie officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Irwin. Honorary casket bearers were Alvin Sleister, Don Sleister, Dick Sleister, Hal Sleister, Charles Hansen and Eldon Sleister. Casket bearers were Phil Dvorak, Steve Vogel, Mike Blum, Dick Hansen, Eugene Sleister and Bruce Gollobit. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.