

Mervin Schnack, 87

Dec. 22, 1919 - Feb. 8, 2007

HARLAN — Mervin Rudolph Schnack, son of Ernest Gustav and Bertha Ann (Kay) Schnack, was born Dec. 22, 1919, near Logan. He was baptized and confirmed at the Shelby Lutheran Church. He attended school at Tennant and graduated with the class of 1937.

June 17, 1945, Mervin married Mildred Doonan at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. After their marriage, they farmed in Shelby County throughout the years. He was a past member of the Tennant School Board. They were also active in Immanuel Lutheran Church where they were longtime members. Mervin retired from farming in 1993 and moved to Harlan. While in Harlan, he was active with the Senior Citizen's Center as well as with the Meals on Wheels program. Mildred died Nov. 18, 1994, and after her death Mervin remained at home in Harlan. He later moved to the Elm Crest Assisted Living Apartments and this has been his home since. He died at his apartment in Harlan Feb. 8, 2007, at age eighty-seven years, one month and seventeen days.

In addition to his parents and wife, Mervin was preceded in death by his brothers Arnold, Elmer and his sister, Theresa Davis. He is survived by his son Gary Schnack (Kate) of Council Bluffs; his daughter, Sheryl (Kevin) Humlicek of Lincoln, NE; his grandsons, Brandon and Nathan Humlicek of Lincoln; his sister Wilma (Edwin) Olson and his brother Ernie Schnack (RoseAnn) both of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 12, 2007, with Pastor Steve Chellew and Pastor Heather Ploen both officiating at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. Honorary casket bearers were Bud Hansen, Keith "Max" Goodner, Russell Haas, Bill Shannon, Willard Olson, Harold Peters, David Gibson, Merle Lawyer, LeRoy Cooper, Jim Boardman, Junior Block, Jess Boardman, and Vern Renze. Casket bearers were Allan Olson, Randy Schnack, Ernie Peters, Dale Klindt, Galen Schnack, Merle Larson, and Wayne Olson. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.