

Derald "Jiggs" Schuning, 78

Feb. 5, 1929 - Feb. 23, 2007

HARLAN — Derald William Schuning, son of Orvel and Margaret (Ehlers) Schuning, was born Feb. 5, 1929, in Minden. They lived on a farm until Derald was eight years old when they moved into Minden. Derald was baptized and confirmed in the old Minden Congregational Church. He attended country school and then Minden High School and graduated in 1947. He played basketball for Minden High School and was "Athlete of the Year." Derald also played basketball on a Minden Town Team after graduation. While in school he always walked out to his Grandfather Schuning's farm to help on the weekends.

Derald married Darlene Elsie Lubbe Feb. 5, 1951, in the Minden Congregational Church. They started farming on Rev. John Frieboes's farm west of Oakland. After that, they lived in the Carson, Treynor and Persia areas before moving to Harlan in 1996. To this union three children were born. He was a seed corn salesman and supervisor for 44 years. He and his wife and children raised many hogs over the years and saw many changes in the livestock business. Derald and his children rode horses in many area parades and trail rides. He died Feb. 23, 2007, at Little Flower Nursing Home at age 78 years and 19 days.

Derald was preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Ramona Kardell. Survivors include his wife, Darlene of Harlan; his children, Richard Schuning (Dyan) of Neola; Diane (Calvin) Nielsen of Harlan; and Marilyn (Pat) McKeighan of Council Bluffs; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Sharon (Virgil) Hoff of Fountain, CO; a sister-in-law, Velma Lubbe of Harlan; and a brother-in-law, George Kardell of Dallas, TX; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 27, 2007, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, with Pastor Brian Wohlhuter officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Ron Barrier, Charlie Malone, Larry Ehlers, Doug Kunze, Monte Schechinger and Randy Miller. Casket bearers were Todd Hansen, Blake Cooper, Justin Miller, Raymond Freese, Chad Hansen and Lanny Newland. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery.