

Raymond Thomsen, 84

Dec. 26, 1921 - Jan. 22, 2006

HARLAN — Raymond Ivan Thomsen, the son of Louie John and Alma Gruhn Thomsen, was born Dec. 26, 1921, on a farm near Botna in Crawford County. He attended school at Manning and grew to adulthood on the family farm.

September 20, 1942, Raymond married Fern Doonan at Monroe Methodist Church in rural Shelby County. Three children were born to this union, Judy, Dennis, and Beverly. After their marriage, the couple farmed in Monroe and Jackson Township. They raised AKC dogs, including St. Bernards and West Highland Terriers. In 1993, Fern became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community. She died Sept. 1, 2003. He became a resident of the Elm Crest Retirement Community in 1999, and it was there that he died Jan. 22, 2006, at age 84 years and 27 days.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Fern. Survivors include his children, Judy (Gary) Hansen, Dennis Thomsen (Janet) and Beverly (Tom) Schmitz all of Harlan; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sisters and brother: Doraine Wigg, Marvel Jacobsen, and Roger Thomsen (Pat) all of Harlan, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 25, 2006, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Pastor Dave Swinton officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Neil Hansen, Michelle Leinen, Kris Melcher, Mark Schmitz, Tammy Lynam, Brent Hansen, Jeanne Hansen, Kevin Hansen and Becky Schmitz casket bearers.

