

Maxie Thygesen, 70

March 10, 1933 - Feb. 4, 2004

HARLAN – Maxie William Thygesen, the son of William "Bill" and Bessie Duling Thygesen, was born March 10, 1933, on a farm near Kirkman. He attended school at Kirkman, and was a member of the graduating class of 1951. Upon graduation from high school, Max entered the United States Army in 1953 at Omaha, NE. During his time in the service, he graduated from Quarter Master School at Fort Lee, VA. He was honorably discharged in December of 1955 and entered into the United States Army Reserves for eight years.

March 4, 1955, Max married Cecelia Katzer at Fort Benning Columbus, GA. Three sons were born to this union, Tom, Jim and Bill. After leaving the service, he worked as a farm hand for Frank Arnold for two years and then Everette Black for two years in Audubon County. Following that, he worked for Norman Wiig near Kirkman for two years. He farmed at Redline for three years and worked for 10 years at Petersen Brothers in Jacksonville, and 21 years at Shelby County Roads, retiring at age 65 years. He was a member of Redline Church of Christ. Max died Feb. 5, 2004, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 70 years, 10 months and 26 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Paul Katzer, and a grandson, Jeromy. Survivors include his wife, Cecelia Thygesen of Harlan; his three sons, Tom Thygesen of Crescent; Jim Thygesen (Amy) of Harlan; Bill Thygesen (Tammy) of Crescent; four grandchildren, Laura (Jason) Smith of Cedar Rapids; Michelle Thygesen of West Des Moines; Brad Thygesen of Iowa City; Ross Thygesen of Harlan; one great grandson, Carter Smith of Cedar Rapids; his sister, Peggy (Gene) Rasmussen of Harlan; his brothers-in-law, Albert Katzer (Donna) of Rapid City, SD; Joe Katzer (Betty) of Sun City, CA; Fred Katzer (Grace) of Huntington Beach, CA; Jim Katzer (Jean) of Persia; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 9, 2004, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Roy North officiating. Military rites were conducted at Redline Cemetery by the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 with Richard Leinen, LaVon Christensen, Cletus Gubbels, Jody Katzer, Bill Lambert, Jim Katzer, Jr. and Elliott Svendsen casket bearers.

