

Clarence Baughman, 77

Nov. 15, 1921 - March 12, 1999

KIRKMAN - William Clarence Baughman, son of Paris and Lillian (Adams) Baughman, was born Nov. 15, 1921, in Greeley Township, Shelby County. He was raised in the Kirkman area, graduating from Kirkman High School. He attended Iowa State University for a time before going to school in Omaha for electronics. In November of 1942, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He received his honorable discharge in March of 1946, as Electronics Technician 1st Class.

Oct. 11, 1945, he married Loretta Rasmussen at San Diego, CA. After his discharge, the couple farmed in the Kirkman area for two years, then moved to a farm in Polk Township near Fiscus, and then to their present farm in 1951. During this time three children were born, Gale, Faye and Lynn. He was active in the community, joining the United Methodist Church in 1932, after which he taught Sunday School class, served as Church School Superintendent for 15 years, served on the church board for several years, including acting as chairman. He also served on the Federal Land Bank board, was president of the Artificial Breeders Association, president of the Beef Producers, president of the Kirkman School Board, a leader of a 4-H club for five years, Douglas Township trustee for 20 years and was a member of the Kirkman Fire Department for 22 years. He retired from farming in November of 1983. For 21 years his hobby was tractor pulling, 10 years of which he traveled with National Tractor Pullers. He entered pulls in 16 states, and was region three point champion in 1978. He also won the Iowa Sportsmanship Award in 1977. In 1981, they started spending the winter months in Mesa, AZ. He suffered a stroke in March of 1994, which limited many of his activities. He became a resident of the Atlantic Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Atlantic, in July of 1991. He died March 12, 1999, at the Cass County Memorial Hospital at age 77 years, three months and 25 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Steven Troy Williams. Survivors include his wife, Loretta of Kirkman; his children, Gale Baughman (Judy) of Kirkman; Faye (Richard) Williams of Co. Bluffs; and Lynn Baughman of Kirkman; six grandchildren, Douglas Baughman, Melinda Gebauer, Stephanie Laster, Heather Scott, Jennifer Baughman and Scott Baughman; his sister, Cecile (George) Abell of Ellsworth; Gene Baughman (Wanda) of Kirkman and Dale Baughman (Elsie) of Kirkman; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 15, 1999, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Joseph Boysen officiating. Military rites were conducted at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Kirkman by the Austin Earl Hiatt Post No. 614 of Irwin and the Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan, with Jim Baughman, Daryle Moeller, Jon Rasmussen, Russ Baughman, Allen Abell and Mike Rasmussen casket bearers.

