

Donald Boeck, 68

Aug. 20, 1934 - June 6, 2003

AUDUBON – Donald Albert Boeck, son of Albert and Frances Schultz Boeck, was born Aug. 20, 1934, in Harlan. Don was baptized and confirmed at Underwood Lutheran Church in Underwood. He attended McClelland Community Schools, then attended rural schools and high school in Underwood. He then helped his father operate the farm.

Jan. 9, 1953, he married Caroline Lubbe at the Lutheran pastor's home in Underwood. Five children were born to this union. Don drove a truck for a short time before they moved to Pacific Junction where he purchased a farm, started a dairy, worked at the Armour Packing Plant and did custom corn picking. They sold the farm in Pacific Junction and purchased a farm near Underwood and increased his dairy herd. He sold the Underwood farm, then purchased a farm near Logan. He again increased the size of his dairy herd and operated the most modern dairy farm in Southwest Iowa at that time. He sold that Logan farm due to failing health and moved to Kimballton, and bought an acreage. There he operated a hay hauling business, milked a small herd of registered Jersey dairy cows and also raised DonCarDeb registered Welsh ponies which they sold across the United States.

They sold the acreage in Kimballton and purchased their present home in Audubon, which he totally remodeled. Oct. 15, 1996, he received a heart transplant at Bryan LGH Medical Center in Lincoln, NE. He then worked part-time for Sitel as a telemarketer. He was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon. He was a member of the Mid-American Dairy Association, the American Quarter Horse Association, the Welsh Pony Society of America and the Garden Society of America. He died June 6, 2003, at Bryan LGH East Medical Center in Lincoln, NE, at age 68 years, nine months and 16 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his brothers, Wayne Boeck and Duane Boeck; his sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Krutzfeldt and Betty and husband, Donald Stewart. Survivors include his wife, Caroline Boeck of Audubon; his children, Gerald (Vicki) Boeck of Hutchinson, KS; Janeen (Steve) Hamann of El Reno, OK; Donald Eldon (Shelly) Boeck of Elk Horn; Sharon (Raymond) Meyers of Carroll; Debra (Bruce) Steffes of Audubon; 17 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; his brother, Ronald (Joyce) Boeck of Shenandoah; his brother-in-law, Dean Krutzfeldt, Sr. of Council Bluffs; a close family friend, Grandma Alice Falk of Minden; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Walter J. Kukkonen June 11, 2003, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon. Burial was in the Arlington Heights Cemetery in Audubon. Honorary casket bearers were great grandchildren, Danielle Albert, Jeremy Albert, Tristan McEvoy, Tasha McEvoy, Desiree Boeck, Nathalia Moran, Kolten Nickel, LinDee and Kaylee Pickett. Casket bearers were grandchildren, Diane Nickel, Duane Boeck, Jennifer Albert, Paul McEvoy, Casey Pickett, Chad Hamann, Christopher and Michelle Boeck, Nakayla Moran, Danielle Breinig, Melissa Jeffries, Mike, Albert and Alise Meyers, Amanda, Adam and Gabe Steffes. Kessler Funeral Home in Audubon, in charge of arrangements.