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Harry Burmeister, 90

April 26, 1911 - Oct. 19, 2001

HARLAN – Harry Thede Burmeister, son of Herman C. and Amalia M. (Karstens) Burmeister, was born April 26, 1911, in rural Avoca. He was baptized in Avoca and confirmed in Shelby. He attended school through the ninth grade in Tennant and at the Fairview Township School.

May 31, 1936, he married Mena Marie Thogerson at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. He was a lifelong farmer, working the same land from 1943 until his retirement in 1972. Harry was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, the Harlan Golden K Kiwanis Club, and the Center Township Election Board. He had previously served as a Myrtue Memorial Hospital Trustee. He died Oct. 19, 2001, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 90 years, five months and 23 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother, Alvin Burmeister. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Mena Burmeister of Harlan; six sons, Robert (Sharon) Burmeister of Show Low, AZ; Richard (Sharon) Burmeister of Harlan; Jerome (Rose) Burmeister of Ft. Dodge; James (Sally) Burmeister of Harlan; Jon (Beverly) Burmeister of Harlan and Philip (Marie) Burmeister of Mt. Ayr; one daughter, Janet (Ed) Gose of Jefferson; one sister, Zelda (Norman) Johannsen of Harlan; 19 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 22, 2001, at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Heather Becklin officiating. Casket bearers were Harry's children, Robert H. Burmeister, Richard H. Burmeister, Jerome C. Burmeister, James R. Burmeister, Jon J. Burmeister, Janet Gose and Philip A. Burmeister. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. The Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

