

Russell Elliott Chipman, 81

Jan. 18, 1919 - Feb. 26, 2000

HARLAN – Russell Elliott Chipman, son of William Ware and Eva Bell (McDonald) Chipman, was born Jan. 18, 1919, in rural Shelby County. He attended Lincoln Township #4 country school, riding his horse, "Peanuts", to school.

Sept. 11, 1938, he married Dorothy E. Noehren at the Harlan Methodist Church. The couple farmed in several locations in the rural Harlan and rural Kirkman areas. In 1950, they settled on land located on Road M16, southwest of Harlan, where he raised hogs and cattle, as well as corn and soybeans. In 1979, they retired and moved into Harlan. Their son, Rick, continues to farm this land. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, where he had served on the building committee for the new church. He was past-president of the Shelby County Pork Producers and member of the Harlan Chamber of Commerce. He was named Kiwanis Outstanding Farmer of the Year in 1977. Russell had been recognized by the local Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter as an Honorary Chapter Farmer and recipient of an Honorary Iowa Farm Degree. As a youth, he had played the harmonica and accordion. He died Feb. 26, 2000, at his home at age 81 years, one month and eight days.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one infant daughter, Sandra Kay; one brother, Wayne Chipman; and two sisters, Mae Green and Alice Larsen. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Dorothy Chipman of Harlan; one son, Rick (Cheryl) Chipman of Harlan; two daughters, Peg Booth of San Diego, CA and Pat Chipman of Omaha, NE; three sisters, Inez (Ralph) Latta of Storm Lake; Ileen Rossitto of Omaha, NE and Dorothy (Russell) Haas of Harlan; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 29, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Jon Benson officiating. Casket bearers were Will Bieker, Rod Riessen, Greg Nelson, Larry Haas, Chuck Buhman and Ernie Schnack. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

