

# Kimballton man found Thursday

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**ELK HORN** -- The search for a missing 70-year-old Kimballton man came to an end near here at about 4:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon, March 29.

A private plane notified sheriff's officials from Shelby and Audubon Counties that it had located the blue and silver Dodge Dakota truck driven by Donald Clark, in a ditch in the middle of a field about 1/4-mile northwest of Elk Horn.

When authorities arrived, the male subject found there was positively identified as Clark, and he was pronounced dead at the scene by Shelby County Medical Examiner Dr. Scott Markham.

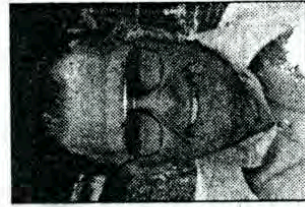
Cause of death is yet to be determined pending the results of an autopsy being performed by the state medical examiner's office.

The search for Clark had been ongoing since he had disappeared Saturday evening, March 24 while en route home for supper.

According to sheriff's reports, Clark was at Arnold's Bar in Kimballton, and had just talked to his wife at about 6:30 p.m., saying he'd be home shortly for supper. Clark never arrived, and authorities began an intensive hunt for Clark and his vehicle.

He was entered in the state and national computer database as a missing person.

Officials searched by ground and air the entire week before a private plane operator located the vehicle in a field northwest of Elk Horn and called authorities.



Clark

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## Donald Dean Clark, 70

March 18, 1931 - March 24, 2001

**KIMBALLTON** -- Donald Dean Clark, son of John and Helen (Meisland) Clark, was born March 18, 1931, in Harlan. He attended school in Harlan, where he participated in football. After school, he worked at the Harlan Produce Company until he entered the United States Army March 20, 1948, in Chicago, IL. He served his country for almost five years, receiving his honorable discharge Jan. 12, 1953. He served overseas for four and a half years where he earned the rank of Sergeant and received the good conduct medal. After his time in the service, Don worked at Wilson Seeds for 35 years. He then worked for Wayne Arnold, Prairie Rose State Park and at the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, before retiring in May of 1993. After retirement, he continued to work part-time at Prairie Rose State Park.

Donald married Lavon Fredriksen May 26, 1990, at the First Christian Church in Harlan. He was a member of the Shelby County V.F.W. Post 941 and the Harry Albertson Am-Vets Post No. 51 of Kimballton. He died March 24, 2001, as the result of an automobile accident near Elk Horn, at age 70 years and six days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Donnie, in 1980. He is survived by his wife, Lavon Clark of Kimballton; his children, Robert Clark (Lonna) of Harlan; Patricia (Carl) Woodward of Harlan; Sherry (Mike) Cook of Council Bluffs; Dale Clark (Sherry) of Des Moines; Terry Jacobsen (Karlene) of Harlan; Leslie Jacobsen and her friend, Rich Andersen, of Kimballton; Matt Jacobsen (Mindy) of Atlantic; Ron Jacobsen of Elk Horn; his brothers, Lowell Clark (Joyce) of Shreveport, LA; Gale Clark of Lincoln, NE; James Clark (Alma) of Shreveport, LA; Gary Clark (Deanna) of Gibbons, NE; his sisters, Jackie (Lyle) Norton of Harlan; Janet (Jerry) Kruzan of High Bridge, WI; 17 grandchildren; his aunt, Darlene Andersen of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 2, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Stephen Gronseth officiating. Military rites were conducted in the Harlan Cemetery by the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan and the Shelby County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 941. Honorary casket bearers were Jim Clark and Gerald Anderson with Gale Clark, Ralph Widman, Gary Clark, Leo Kenkel, Lowell Clark and Dan Nissen casket bearers.

