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Richard D. Cochran, 66

Sept. 12, 1934 - Nov. 14, 2000

HARLAN – Richard Duane Cochran was born Sept. 12, 1934, to Caroline Elmine (Ritchie) and James Nolan Cochran at Cedar Falls. He was baptized at the First Baptist Church in Cedar Falls. He attended school at Cedar Falls Miner Elementary School and Cedar Falls High School. He served in the Army during the Korean Conflict from 1952 to 1955. Following his discharge from the Army, Richard migrated to California. He returned "home" to Iowa in 1969.

Feb. 11, 1961, he married Judith Ann White in Las Vegas, NV. To this union three children were born. He was employed by Iowa Power and Light from 1969 to 1979, operated "Dick's Hauling" until 1986 and drove a school bus for Harlan Community Schools until retiring in 1998. He was a member of the Shelby County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 941. He died Nov. 14, 2000, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 66.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers, Bruce and Robert; and one sister, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Judith Cochran of Harlan; children, Mitchell Cochran (JoAnn) of Hamilton, GA; Kelly Cochran of Harlan and Rhonda (Jeff) Sorensen of Loveland, CO; grandchildren, Bryon, Chris, Rochelle and Jordan; siblings, Gene Cochran of Phoenix, AZ; Marilyn Dausel of Denver, CO; James N. Cochran, Jr. of Ogden, UT; Vera Merry of Cedar Falls; Donald Cochran (Jeanne) of Cedar Falls; Kenneth "Max" Cochran of Waterloo; Helen (Ray) Payette of Nashua, NH and Jerry N. Cochran (Diane) of Whittier, CA; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

A memorial service was held Nov. 17, 2000, at Pauley Funeral Home with Minister Roy North officiating. Military rites were conducted at the funeral home by the Shelby County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 941 and the Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150. Honorary casket bearers were Jim White, Russ Clark, Lee Gordon, Harold Gaer, Fairl Johnson, Jeff Sorensen, Tim Thompson and Kenneth Olson.

