

## Bruce Elmquist, 60

June 27, 1947 - July 14, 2007

**KIMBALLTON** — Bruce Alan Elmquist, son of Arlo and Alice Olsen Elmquist, was born June 27, 1947, in Carroll. He was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton and confirmed at Bethany Lutheran Church northeast of Kimballton. He attended school in Kimballton for a short time and attended rural school Sharon No. 4 and Spring Valley. He attended Audubon Community School graduating with the High School Class of 1965. He then farmed together with his father.

March 4, 1966, Bruce married Donna Petersen at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Audubon. They rented land which they farmed and in 1969 they purchased their present farm northeast of Kimballton. They farmed and operated a livestock and grain operation and also raised horses. Bruce drove a bus for the Audubon Community School District from August of 1966 through May of 1978. In 1978, Bruce and Donna purchased and operated Kimballton Farm Equipment, which included service and sales for Allis-Chalmers, Deutz, and Gehl equipment. They closed their business in 1992. In April 1992, Bruce was a salesman for Sunspaces of Omaha where he sold Four Seasons Sunrooms until November of 2004. From February of 2005 until March of 2007, he was employed by Riekkes Distributing, Inc. in Omaha, NE. He was in the warehouse and shipping department. He then devoted himself to farming as long as his health allowed him. He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church northeast of Kimballton and was the President of the Church Council. He repaired and restored antique tractors and farm equipment. He died July 14, 2007, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, NE at age 60 years and 17 days.

Preceding Bruce in death were his parents. Survivors include his wife, Donna Elmquist of Kimballton; his children, Joel (Kristie) Elmquist of Southlake, TX; Jill (Kristian) Gosar of Monte Vista, CO; Jena (John) Cerveny of Hastings, NE; and Jason "Jake" (Ondrea) Elmquist of Ames; his grandchildren, George Elmquist and Fredrik Elmquist, both of Southlake, TX; Cooper Gosar of Monte Vista, CO; Sophie Cerveny and Isabelle Cerveny, both of Hastings, NE; and Josalyn Elmquist of Ames; his brother and sister, Mark (Karen) Elmquist of Audubon and Donna (Mark) Nelsen of Harlan, his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Keith (Tricia) Petersen of Rock Island, IL; Gail (Jay) Smith of Missouri Valley; Deb (Mike) Stiles of Sioux City; Terrie (Roger) Anderson of Kimballton; and Pricilla (Larry) Juelsgaard of Audubon, special family friends, Don and Janet Jensen of Elk Horn, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Tony D. Ede July 18, 2007, at Bethany Lutheran Church northeast of Kimballton. Burial was in the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery northeast of Kimballton. Casket bearers were Rich Wolf, Dave Wolf, David Elmquist, Neil Elmquist, Cory Jensen, Jerod Jensen, Kevin Petersen, and Darrell Rudolph. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.