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Dale Eugene Erickson, 68

Sept. 1, 1930 - Jan. 9, 1999

HARLAN - Dale Eugene Erickson, son of Floyd and Lucille (Henderson) Erickson, was born Sept. 1, 1930 in Irwin. He grew up on farms in Lincoln Township, attended schools in Kirkman, Lincoln and Fairview Townships and graduated from Harlan High School in 1947. Dec. 26, 1950 he entered the United States Air Force where he served his country until Sept. 23, 1954 during the Korean Conflict. He was stationed in Japan from Sept. of 1951 to March of 1952 and in Washington, D.C. from March of 1952 to Sept. of 1954.

He married Betty Louise Olson Aug. 26, 1951 at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan. Three children, Erwin, Roger and Norma were born to this union. After serving his country, he returned to Shelby County where he started farming in Westphalia and Lincoln Townships. He retired from farming in 1986 and then worked for Western Engineering from 1986 to 1999. He was active as a 4-H Committee member from 1964 to 1981 and served as a Farm Bureau Board member from 1958 to 1979. He also served on the Agriland FS Board as well as on the Board of the Shelby County Fair. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan and the Parian Masonic Lodge No. 321, A.F. & A.M. of Harlan. He died Jan. 9, 1999 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Omaha at age 68 years.

He is survived by his wife Betty Erickson of Harlan; his children: Erwin (Betty) Erickson of Ames, Roger (Jane) Erickson of Harlan and Norma Mertz and her friend Randy Ouren of Harlan; his grandchildren: Marissa, Matthew, Allan and Christina Erickson and Mary and David Mertz; his parents, Floyd and Lucille Erickson of Harlan; his brother, John (Verna) Erickson of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, 1999 at the First United Methodist Church in Harlan with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Kirkman with Military Rites conducted jointly by the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and the Harlan American Legion - Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150. Honorary casket bearers were Allan Erickson, David Mertz, Marissa Erickson, Matthew Erickson, Mary Mertz and Christina Erickson. Casket bearers were Rae Murray, Michael Erickson, Phil Carey, Allan Olson, Valerian Schmitz, Alan Petersen, Jerry Lytle and Wayne Olson. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

