

## Raymond "Ray" Errett, 80 ✓

*April 19, 1925 - July 9, 2005*

**HARLAN** — Raymond "Ray" Taylor Errett, the son of Hallie and Anna Marie Dorthea (Jacobsen) Errett, was born April 19, 1925, on a farm southeast of Corley. He attended country school and later Harlan Community Schools. He was a member of the graduating class of 1942 from Harlan Community High School. Upon graduation, he attended Iowa State University in Ames, for a short time then returned to Shelby County to farm.

Aug. 10, 1948, Ray married Dorothy Hansen at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan. To this union, three children were born, Duane, Candace, and Darla. After their marriage, they farmed, retiring in 1990, but continued to help on the farm until this year. After Dorothy died Oct. 14, 1999, Ray continued to live on the farm. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan where he was also active holding several church offices, was a township trustee, Shelby County Historical Society Co-Chairman, and was on the Shelby County Waste Management Board for several years. He was also a Grand Marshall for the Tiny Lund Festival Parade. He built race cars and had a 1953 Sheppard diesel tractor that he showed at local fairs and at Carsten's Farm Days in Shelby, as well as the Greenridge Farm Show at Irwin. He operated a Ham radio with the call letters, "KqEFQ." He had a session every evening, listening to other operators and he also used his Ham radio assisting with the Audubon flood of 1958. He died July 9, 2005, at his home in rural Harlan, at age 80 years, two months and 20 days.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Dorothy. Survivors include his children, Duane Errett (Vickie) of Harlan; Candace Errett of Crown Point, IN; Darla (Ron) Mullenger of Hamlin; four grandchildren, Amanda (Bryan) Vaughn of Minneapolis, MN; Jessica Errett of Omaha, NE; Travis Mullenger of Hamlin; Bonnie Errett of Harlan; special friend, Darlene Andersen of Harlan; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 12, 2005, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Rev. Mark Jamison officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Bert Hillers, Don Holdsworth, Bruce Heilesen, Ron Rosmann, Steve Mathiasen and Bob Christensen casket bearers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

