

Russell Gould, 91 ✓

Oct. 29, 1912 - Feb. 17, 2004

HARLAN — Russell Thomas Gould, son of John and Ada Thomas Gould, was born Oct. 19, 1912, in Harlan. He attended Harlan Community Schools and was a member of the graduating class of 1930. Upon graduation, Russell attended Iowa State University, where he met Florence Holmquest.

April 22, 1933, Russell married Florence Holmquest in Indianola. They were the parents of three children. After their marriage, they moved to Harlan, where they operated the Harlan Produce Company from 1933 until 1958 and then entered into the business of laying hen and egg processing at Chain-o-Eggs in Denison. Florence died Dec. 10, 1990.

Russell later married Arlene Peterson Sept. 12, 1997, at Harlan. The last 17 years he worked as a federal employee as a poultry and egg inspector stationed in Council Bluffs at Blue Star Produce. He was a lifetime member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan, the Iowa Horse Show Association, Iowa Saddlebred Horse Association and in 1979 was inducted into the Iowa Horsemen's Hall of Fame at the Iowa State Fair. Russell was a charter member of the Shelby County Saddle Club and served as president in 1949 and held several other offices at different times. He was also a 50 year member of the Parian Lodge No. 321 A.F. and A.M., a 50 year member of Olivet Chapter No. 107 Royal Arch Masons, a 50 year member of Mt. Zion Commandery No. 49, Knights Templar, a 50 year member of Abu Bekr Shrine of Sioux City, a member of the Shrine Club and Kiwanis. Russell served as president of the Harlan School Board in the fifties when New Park School was built. He also served as president of the Shelby County Fair Board and was the superintendent of horses for many years. He was awarded the Silver Beaver Award for his work in Boy Scouts and was honored as the Citizen of the Years by the Harlan Chamber of Commerce. Russell spent time riding and showing horses and assisting his son, Graham, in his horse training business. Russell died Feb. 17, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 91 years, three months and 19 days.

In addition to his parents, Russell was preceded in death by his first wife, Florence, and his children, James Gould and Barbara Gould Hess, and a grandson, Floyd Hess, Jr. Survivors include his wife, Arlene of Harlan; his son, Graham Gould of Omaha, NE; five grandchildren, Jean Larson, Sheila Woolsey, Andrew Hess, Julia Ganz and John Gould; 12 great-grandchildren; six stepchildren; 15 step grandchildren; six step great-grandchildren; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 21, 2004, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Pastor Orris Drake and Pastor Heather Ploen officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with the Harlan Shrine T-Patrol as honorary casket bearers.

