

Dr. Orville Juhler, DVM, 74

Aug. 11, 1931 - Sept. 30, 2005

HARLAN — Orville Merle Juhler, the son of Andrew Petersen and Naoma Myrle (McCain) Juhler, was born Aug. 11, 1931 in Atlantic. He was raised on a farm near Rorbeck. He attended country school and graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1949. While in school, he played basketball and baseball. Following graduation, he worked two years before attending Iowa State College in Ames, where he met Judith Geneva Rock.

The couple married June 16, 1956, at the First Methodist Church in Atlantic. Orville graduated from Iowa State in 1959, with his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree. He and Judy moved to Harlan later that year, and Orville began his practice at the Harlan Veterinary Clinic. In 1968, he began working as a veterinary consultant for the Squealer Feed Company; he worked for them until the sale of the company in 1989. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Atlantic until he moved to Harlan, when he became a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. He was a member of Beta Sigma Psi, the Harlan Community School Board, Immanuel Lutheran Church council, American Veterinary Medical Association, Fair Board, Airport Commission, Home Federal Savings and Loan Board of Directors and other community organizations. He died Sept. 30, 2005, at Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn at age 74 years, one month, and 19 days.

Preceding Orville in death were his parents and one niece, Patricia Juhler. Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Judy Juhler of Harlan; one son, Greg Juhler of Omaha, NE; two daughters, Cynthia Juhler (Jeff) Haren, and Jennifer Juhler (Pat) Byrnes, both of Ankeny; two brothers, Arnold (Ellen) Juhler of Sioux Falls, SD, and Howard Juhler of Marne; one sister, Sharon Juhler of Des Moines; three grandchildren, Naoma Byrnes, Theia Byrnes, and Emma Haren; nieces, and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 4, 2005, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Pastor Heather Ploen officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Si Mathiasen, Willard Olson, Pat Pattison, Eldo Schornhorst, Les Paulsen, and Sheldon Howerter. Casket bearers were Craig Olson, Rob Hall, Todd Plumb, Angie Rabon, Michael Juhler, and Jim Chipman. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannisen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

