

Kenneth Kern, 85 ✓

April 20, 1923 - Nov. 22, 2008

SHELBY — Kenneth Charles Kern of Shelby, IA died at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan, IA on Saturday, November 22, 2008 as a result of a sudden heart attack at age 85 years, seven months and two days. Ken was born on the family farm on April 20, 1923, son of Charles and Mabel Kern, where he lived all but three years. He graduated from Shelby High School in 1941.



Ken married Darlene Dohrmann Hein on September 1, 1946 at the Shelby United Evangelical Lutheran Church. He farmed the family farm until his retirement in 1992. During his life he also insulated over 400 homes, was an electrician, raised purebred Yorkshire hogs, and did custom combining. He was a member of the Salem United Methodist Church of Council Bluffs, IA. Ken was a 50-year Mason. He served on the Harrison County Fair Board for 21 years, as president of the Farm Bureau for several years, and as treasurer of the Kiwanis. Photography and traveling were Ken's favorite pastimes. He really appreciated nature. Ken and Darlene wintered in Arizona for the past five years.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Bonnie Paul; and a brother, Robert Kern. He is survived by Darlene, his wife of 62 years; four children and their spouses, Kathryn and Douglas Pierce of Norwalk, IA; Stanley and Cathryn Kern of Shelby, IA; Vicki and Michael Mueller of Lincoln, NE; and Connie and Craig Darrington of Neola, IA; nine grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; one brother, Larry, and wife Christa Kern of Mesa, AZ; and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Nov. 26, 2008, at the Salem United Methodist Church in Council Bluffs with Rev. David A. Weesner officiating. Organist was Amy Leeds with Lee McKnabb vocalist. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery. Casket bearers were Ken's grandchildren.

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