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Donald Kutnink, 72 ✓

Dec. 17, 1934 - Jan. 14, 2007

IRWIN — Donald Dean Kutnink was born Dec. 17, 1934, in Walnut, to John and Edna (Jensen) Kutnink. He was baptized at the First Presbyterian Church in Walnut and attended the Walnut Schools, graduating with the class of 1953.

June 3, 1956, Don married Karen Dee Westernburg in the Griswold Methodist Church. Four children were born to this union, Donald Kenton, Sunny Jo, Robert Dean, and John William. After their marriage, they lived for a short while in Council Bluffs and then Griswold. In March of 1957, they moved to a farm near Walnut where they were members of the Walnut Presbyterian Church. Six years later they moved to a farm north of Irwin and joined the Irwin United Methodist Church. In 1969, they had a farm sale and moved into Irwin later that year. Besides farming, Don worked at Western Engineering in Harlan and Farm Service Co-op in Irwin. He also operated his own shop for a while. Don had many talents, including carpentry and rebuilt his home adding new rooms. He had been a member of the Irwin Fire and Rescue, Greenridge Steam and Gas Antique Club, and had assisted the Irwin High School FFA. He died at Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital in Council Bluffs, Jan. 14, 2007, at age 72 years and 28 days.

Don is preceded in death by his wife, Karen, and his father. He is survived by his mother, Edna Kutnink of Walnut; his children, Kent (Terri) Kutnink of Farmington, MN; Sunny Jo (David) Anderson of Amelia Court House, VA; Robert Kutnink of Emerson; and John (Lucille) Kutnink of Cambridge, NE; one sister, Rosemary (Louis) Pedersen of Walnut; seven grandchildren, Jonathan, Jason, Kristin, Thomas, Timothy, Scott, and Amber; and one great-grandchild, Hannah Grace; nieces and nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 17, 2007, at the United Methodist Church in Irwin, with Rev. Keith Pals officiating. Casket bearers were Tim Kutnink, Jonathan Kutnink, Tom Kutnink, Scott Kutnink, Jason Kutnink, and Amber Kutnink. Burial was held at the Emerson Cemetery in Emerson, with Rev. Glenn Rankin presiding over the graveside service. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

