

Ernest Plagman, 80

April 25, 1929 - Sept. 16, 2009

IRWIN — Ernest John Plagman, son of Louis Gustav and Emma Christine (Frank) Plagman, was born on April 25, 1929 in Manning. He attended grade school and high school in Irwin, graduating with the class of 1947. Ernest continued his education at Iowa State University in Ames, for one year, following which he began farming. On May 14, 1951, he was drafted into the United States Army, where he served in combat in Korea. Ernest was honorably discharged on February 13, 1953, having attained the rank of Corporal. While in the service, Ernest was awarded a Purple Heart, Korean Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, and the United Nations Service Medal. Upon returning from the service, Ernest continued to farm.



March 15, 1953, Ernest was united in marriage to Anna Belle Vaughan at the First Baptist Church in Des Moines. Five children were born to this union: Larry William, Arleatta Faith, Francis Dean, Patrick Joseph, and Nancy Ann. After a short illness, Anna Belle died on January 23, 1972.

June 24, 1975, Ernest was united in marriage to Marjorie Elva Wherrett Bartholomew at the Merrills Grove Baptist Church in Fiscus, bringing into the family Marjorie's two daughters, Nancy Jean and Penny Lynette. After their wedding, Ernest and Marjorie made their home on Ernest's farm near Irwin. Ernest and Marjorie were active members of the First Baptist Church in Harlan. Ernest died on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, having attained the age of eighty years, four months, and twenty-two days.

Ernest is preceded in death by his parents; his first wife Anna Belle; and his infant son Francis Dean. He is survived by his wife Marjorie of Irwin; his children: Larry Plagman and his wife Sarah of Carson; Arleatta and her husband Dean Bartelson of Irwin; Patrick Plagman and his wife Robin of Gretna, NE; Nancy Ann Plagman of St. Paul, MN; Nancy Jean and her husband Keith Nelson of Brandon, SD; and Penny Bartholomew of Omaha, NE; ten grandchildren: Jill and Mike Ripke of Phoenix, AZ; Anna Plagman of Lubbock, TX; Todd Plagman and his wife Kara of North Liberty; Christine and her husband Marcus Upton of Urbandale; Matthew Bartelson of Omaha, NE; Kari Bartelson of Irwin; Allyson Plagman and Cassidy Plagman of Gretna, NE; Richard Nelson of Omaha, NE; Melissa Nelson of Brandon, SD; and one great-grandson, Connor Upton of Urbandale; other family members and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, September 21, 2009 at First Baptist Church in Harlan. Pastor Roger Manning and Pastor Mark Jervis officiated the 2:00 PM service with

interment at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca. Acting as honorary casket bearers were: Myron and Bonnie Sorensen, Bob and Bonnie Burton, Jim and Jane Jensen, David Outhouse, Marna Weisenborn, and Karyn Gilpatric. Serving as casket bearers were: Paul Nelson, Rowly Burton, Randy Nelson, Fred Nelson, Jim Nelson, and Tom Walker.


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