

Dale Poldberg, 81

Sept. 17, 1923 - May 16, 2005

HARLAN — Dale Chris Poldberg, son of Chris and Elma Christensen Poldberg, was born Sept. 17, 1923, on a farm south of Jacksonville. He was baptized and confirmed in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He attended country school at Jackson No. 8, two years of school in Kimballton and then graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1941. After graduation, Dale joined the United States Army Aug. 17, 1944, at Fort Leavenworth, KS. While in the service he was awarded the Victory Medal European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with two bronze battle stars, three overseas service bars, and the good conduct medal. He was honorably discharged July 9, 1946, at Fort Sheridan, IL.



Dale married Myrna Gearhart June 14, 1950, at the Methodist Chapel in Harlan. They were the parents of four children. After their marriage, he started farming in the Elk Horn and Manning area for thirty-two years. He also raised popcorn for the Jolly Time Popcorn Company. He bred and sold Golden Retrievers for many years. He served as a baseball coach and player. After moving to their home in Harlan, he sold insurance for Danish Mutual and Farmers Mutual. Dale and Myrna would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this June. He died at his home in Harlan May 16, 2005, at age 81 years, seven months and 29 days.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Myrna of Harlan; his children, Colleen (Lindsay) Beatty of Harlan; Bruce Poldberg (Calla) of Kimballton; Kelly Poldberg of Harlan, and Angie (Todd) Madsen of Harlan; eight grandchildren, Heather Beatty, Aaron Poldberg (Mindy), Neil Poldberg (Stephanie), Seth Poldberg, Jessica Poldberg, Amelia, Hannah and Lydia Madsen; three great-grandchildren, Christian Poldberg, Angel Poldberg and Abigail Poldberg; brothers and sister, Vivian Poldberg of Wildemar, CA; Robert Poldberg (RoseAnne) of Kimballton; and Lyle Poldberg (Jeannine) of Carter Lake; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 19, 2005, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Rev. Ron Rasmussen officiating. Military rites were conducted in the Jacksonville Cemetery by the Harry Albertson AMVETS Post No. 51 of Kimballton, and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. Honorary casket bearers were Floyd Jensen, Harold Blackwell, Bobby Mitchell, Carroll Mitchell, Merle Winther, Gerald Richeson, Brian Poldberg, Kjer Christensen and Mike Gearhart. Casket bearers were Aaron Poldberg, Neil Poldberg, Seth Poldberg, Michael Kelley, Craig Poldberg, and Kalob Hinnens. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.