

Lyle Poldberg, 82

Dec. 26, 1928 - March 26, 2011

CARTER LAKE — Lyle Poldberg was born in Jackson Township on December 26, 1928, to Chris and Elma (Christensen) Poldberg. He grew up on the family farm. He attended Jackson #8 school and re-members when the school burned down and they had to attend class in a chicken coop. School was not one of Lyle's ideas of fun and he is accused of majoring in hall and pool hall during his years at Elk Horn High School. Hunting, playing pool, shuffleboard, cards or baseball were among his favorite activities. Lyle was baptized and confirmed at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. He farmed and worked for the REA for a short time before going into the Air Force in July of 1951. He was stationed at Sioux City and Minneapolis after completing airplane mechanic's schools in Texas and Illinois. Following his discharge in 1955, he went to work for the Ruan Transport Company in Omaha as a driver and remained there for 28 years until the terminal closed. He then dove for Cargill, Pacesetter and Valley Oaks Cabinet company. Winning the Iowa Truck Roadeo four-axle class in 1974 and receiving a Million Mile Safe Driving award were exciting events for him.



Lyle and Jeannine (Vithen) were married on February 3, 1951, at Kimballton. They are the parents of two sons. They have five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Carter Lake has been their home ever since his discharge in 1955. Lyle coached baseball and won the state Pee Wee championship three years in a row—69, 70, 71. He was a Boy Scout leader and charter member of the local Jaycees and Optimist Club. The family attended the Carter Lake Community Presbyterian Church where he served as an Elder. Lyle loved junking and has a garage full of stuff to prove it. He added bottle digging and metal detecting to his interests. A hole-in-one at the Omaha Miller Park Golf Course was also something he could brag about. Lyle suffered from heart problems for a number of years. His health began to deteriorate in 2010. He was hospitalized several times and had to start dialysis. He spent three months in the Risen Son Rehab Center in Council Bluffs. He passed away at the Omaha VA Hospital on Saturday, March 26, 2011.

Lyle is survived by his wife, Jeannine of Carter Lake; sons Warren (Connie) of Adel and Brian (Lori) of Carter Lake; brother Robert (Rose Ann) of Kimballton, sister Vivian of Wildomar, CA, and sister-in-law Myrna Poldberg of Harlan; grandchildren, Vicki (Kevin) Rahn, Genoa, IL, Kathi Beach (Tony), Humboldt, Deric, Adam and John Poldberg of Carter Lake. The great grandchildren include Cameron, Trever and Jennika Beach, Alison and Kaitlin Rahn. He has numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Lyle was preceded in death by his parents and brother Dale.

Services were held on

Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at the John A Gentleman Mortuaries. Burial was held at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Omaha. Memorials may be directed to the Carter Lake Community Presbyterian Church, 3030 N. 9th Street, Carter Lake, Iowa, 51510.

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