

Robert Dinkel, 89

Sept. 6, 1914 - Nov. 24, 2003

LOGAN – Robert Randolph Dinkel was born Sept. 6, 1914, in Ringgold County, to Harry and Nora Dinkel. He joined the Methodist Church in Diagonal and was a longtime member of the Logan United Methodist Church.

Robert married Gwenive Stephens June 30, 1933, in Diagonal. The couple recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. For 50 years of his life, Robert worked for Capital Construction Company, starting as a dragline operator and advancing from foreman to supervisor. During World War II, he worked on the construction of the Alcan Highway in Alaska, spending two summers building a bridge across the Big Gerstle River. Robert retired from Capital Construction in 1986. He died Nov. 24, 2003, at the Westmont Care Center in Logan, following an extended illness.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents and a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Guy Sheppard. Survivors include his wife, Gwenive; daughters, Muriel Lemons (Bill) of Harlan; Barbara Schmidt (Jerry) of Sioux Falls, SD; Linda (Larry) Mindrup of Clive; Diana (Larry) Butler of Grinnell; son, Alvin (Judy) of Logan; 13 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 28, 2003, at the Logan United Methodist Church with Rev. Mary Siems officiating. Burial was in the Logan Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Debra Klein, Jill Wright, Cathy Powell, Julie Swenson, Christine DeWitt and Victoria Butler. Casket bearers were Michael Mindrup, Robb Schmidt, Kevin Dinkel, Eric Butler, Douglas Mindrup, Jay Schmidt and Gary Lemons. Logan Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements.