

Dale "Jay" Doonan, 57

Dec. 5, 1945 - May 24, 2003

HARLAN – Dale "Jay" Doonan, son of Dale G. and Bernita (Parker) Doonan, was born Dec. 5, 1945, in Atlantic. He grew up on a farm with his parents and brother near Jacksonville, and attended Jackson No. 9 School and later Harlan High School where he graduated with the class of 1964.

Shortly after earning his Bachelor's degree in English and speech from the University of Northern Iowa, Jay married Teresa Cornell at the First United Methodist Church in Indianola. In August of 1968, he entered the United States Army and served as a journalist in the Vietnam War, returning to Fort Sill, OK, where he continued his service until his honorable discharge in May of 1971. Following his military service, Jay taught for one year in the Council Bluffs Community School system. He took a summer job at the Pottawattamie County Auditor's office and worked there as a deputy auditor until the spring of 1977, when he moved his family to a farm near Jacksonville. He farmed with his father and brother until 1995. He then commuted to Council Bluffs administering the budget at the Pottawattamie County Care Facility. The following year, he was hired as the Executive Director of Concerned, Inc. in Harlan, where he gladly served the clients, staff and community for six years. He was a lifetime member of the Monroe Chapel Methodist Church where he was baptized and confirmed. He served his church as a lay minister, Sunday school teacher, Bible study leader and served on the pastor-parish relations committee. Jay died May 24, 2003, at his home surrounded by his family at age 57 years, four months and 19 days.

Jay was preceded in death by his father, Dale Doonan. He is survived by his wife, Teresa Doonan of Harlan; his son, Scott Doonan (Renee) of Osage, Beach, MO; his daughter, Angie Doonan of Urbandale; his brother, Kelly Doonan (Judi); his mother, Bernita Doonan, all of Harlan; his mother-in-law, Virginia Cornell of Indianola; two nephews, Greg Doonan (Stephanie) and Stacy Doonan of Des Moines; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 27, 2003, at the United Methodist Church in Harlan, with Rev. Larry LaVelle and Rev. Ed. Frank officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Jim Stewart, Cindy Burchett, Barry Deuel, John Stewart, Rick Burchett and Donna Deuel honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were Dennis Juhl, Dennis Thomsen, Greg Doonan, Jamie Doonan, Beth Kuenzi, Wesley Niles, Stacy Doonan and Paul Stewart. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

