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Earl Doonan, 86 ✓

Jan. 30, 1918 - March 27, 2004

HARLAN – Earl Thomas Doonan, the son of John and Carrie Hansen Doonan, was born Jan. 30, 1918, on a farm in Clay Township, Elk Horn. He attended country school Clay Township #3 through the eighth grade. After his schooling, Earl worked for area farmers.

March 22, 1939, Earl married Elaine Jacobsen at Bethlehem Lutheran Church north of Jacksonville. To this union one son, Ronald was born. After their marriage, he farmed north of Jacksonville. He also was employed as a mail carrier, did custom bailing for area farmers and drove truck for Petersen Brother's Trucking of Jacksonville. Earl retired from farming in 1984 but continued to live on the farm and opened up his own business, Earl's Bike Shop. He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church near Jacksonville. Because of his failing health, he became a resident of Elm Crest Retirement Community March 11, 2003. He died March 27, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 86 years, one month and 28 days.

His parents preceded Earl in death. Survivors include his wife, Elaine of Harlan; his son, Ronald (Peggy) Doonan of Harlan; two grandchildren, Trent Doonan of Kirkman and Troy Doonan (Kelly) of Elk Horn; five great-grandchildren, Amanda, Nathan and Madison Doonan of Kirkman and Megan and Tyler Doonan of Elk Horn; his sister, Edith (Norman) Scott of Manilla; and his brother, Ralph Doonan (Shirley) of Alexandria, MN; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 30, 2004, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Rev. Henry Flessner officiating. Casket bearers were Wayne Petersen, Nathan Ahrenholtz, Carl Petersen, Verle Doonan, Karl Hanson and Barney Ahrenholtz. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

