

Russell J. Doster, 73

March 11, 1927 - Jan 5, 2001

HARLAN – Russell John Doster was born March 11, 1927, to Alice Sophie (Brown) and John William Doster at Knierim. He attended elementary school in Knierim, and was a member of the Manson, High School Graduation Class of 1944. Following graduation he attended Iowa State University.

May 7, 1950, he married Helen Ruth Seaborg at St. Peter, MN. To this union, four children were born. The couple first made their home in Manson, where Russell managed the Knierim Grain Elevator. At the time, he was the youngest elevator manager in the state of Iowa. He then became employed at the Manson Cooperative Elevator in Manson. He then moved to Grinnell, where he was employed by the Ralston-Purina Company until 1963. In 1964, the Dosters relocated to Harlan, where Russell was the proprietor of the Doster Feed Service. He held this position until 1968. He then became a salesman for Supersweet Feeds. Later, he joined South Omaha Supply Company of Omaha, NE. He was retired for all of six months and then went to work for Manning Ag. Center until his death. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, and was active in church activities for many years, including serving as Church President. He died Jan 5, 2001, at St. Luke's South Hospital in Overland Park, KS at age seventy-three years, nine months and twenty-five days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Doster Jan 19, 1997. He is survived by his children, Sheri Johnson (Mike) of Overland Park, KS, Craig Doster (Allita) of Ankeny, Dr. Alan Doster (Julie) of Lincoln, NE and Michael Doster (Debra) of Omaha, NE; eight grandchildren; one brother, Ron Doster (Carol) of Knierim, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral Services were held Jan 9, 2001 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, with Rev. Jon Benson and Rev. Heather Becklin officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery, with Bert Hillers, Ron Doster, Craig Doster, Dr. Alan Doster, Tom Hansen and Michael Doster casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

