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Harold Howlett, 95 ✓

Dec. 1, 1909 - July 13, 2005

AVOCA — Harold Kenneth Howlett, son of Jesse Elmer and Maude Clara Anderson Howlett, was born Dec. 1, 1909, in Fairview Township, Shelby County. He was one of three children in the family. The family moved to a farm southwest of Avoca in 1918, and the children went to country school there. In 1923, Harold went to Hancock High School with a class of eight. After graduation, he farmed with his dad.

Harold married Goldia Lockhart of Hancock Sept. 21, 1935, in Maryville, MO. They lived with his folks and helped farm for five years. In 1945, they moved east of Oakland and raised hogs, cattle, sheep and chickens on a 50-50 rental. In 1954, they moved to their own farm northeast of Avoca. Harold and Goldia were the parents of three children, Margaret, Judith and Larry. Harold played the banjo at nursing homes, the Oakland meal site and other places and he never missed the music festival when it was in town. He made all kinds of clocks. He died July 13, 2005, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center at age 95 years, seven months and 12 days.

Harold is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Goldia, who died in 1986; his son, Larry; and a son-in-law, Werner. He is survived by his children, Margaret Sunderman of Avoca; Judith (Norman) Jordan of Shelby; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters, Elva Colvin of Oakland and Lola Christensen of Fontanelle; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 16, 2005, at the Pauley Jones Funeral Home Avoca Chapel with Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Kent Siems, Rusty Jordan, Virgil Brockhoff, Kenneth Jordan, Nick Jordan and John Watry.