

Eugene Jakie Larsen, 85

Oct. 16, 1932 - Jan. 4, 2018

KIRKMAN - Eugene Jakie Larsen, son of Leonard and Alice (Petersen) Larsen, was born October 16, 1932 on the family farm near Kirkman. Eugene grew up attending Polk Township #6 Country School. He graduated from Harlan High School.

On May 18, 1953, Eugene enlisted into the United States Army during the Korean War. He served his country honorably until April 30, 1955. He earned a National Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany) and Good Conduct Medal.

On December 18, 1955, Eugene was united in marriage to Arletta Jean Schlicht at Merrill's Grove Church in Fiscus. Four children were born to this union: Ronda, Brenda, Linda, and Rod. Eugene had a dairy farm on the family farm and worked as a hired hand to several neighbors. He also worked with a bridge crew, CDS Global and Ohlinger Lawn Care, until he retired in 1997. He was a long time member of Merrill's Grove Church in Fiscus and First Baptist Church in Elk Horn, Iowa. He was an active member of the Shelby County Gideon Society.

Eugene died at his home in Kirkman on Thursday, January 4, 2018, attaining the age of 85 years, two months and 19 days. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by wife Arletta, and brother Roger Larsen.

Eugene is survived by his children Ronda Long of Des Moines; Brenda and her husband Tim Kustka of Billings, MT; Linda and her husband Larry Ohlinger of Harlan; Rod Larsen of Kirkman; six grandchildren: Angela Harvey, Jenny Long, Alisha Redfern, Ashley, Allison, and Amy Kustka; two great-grandchildren Penelope and Piper Harvey; sister Marilyn and her husband Don Sorensen of Council Bluffs; nieces and nephews; other family members and many friends.

A 10:30 a.m. funeral service was officiated by Pastor Donna Ewert on Monday, January 8, 2018 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. Randy Nelson, Paul Nelson, Mike Cain, Randy Leete, Rick Andersen and Greg Sporrer served as casket bearers. Military Rites were conducted by Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 at Merrill's Grove Cemetery in Fiscus.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



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