



Don Maxwell, 77

HARLAN — John Donald "Don" Maxwell, the son of John L. and Anna Christina (Larson) Maxwell, was born on a farm near Portsmouth, April 12, 1911. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, Oct. 23, 1988 at age 77 years, six months and 11 days.

When he was one year old, his family moved to Center Twp. He attended Center Township School, Harlan High School and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. For several years he sheared sheep around Southwest Iowa. April 12, 1934, he married Helen Ann Bright in Papillion, NE. Four children were born to this union. After their marriage, they started farming at

Sioux Rapids and later moved to Storm Lake, where he farmed, raised livestock and did custom work. In 1961, they moved to Harlan where he was a District Sales Manager for Wilson Hybrids. Since his retirement in 1974, they have spent their leisure time traveling.

While in Buena Vista County, he was a 4-H Leader; school board member of Albert-City Truesdale School System; Buena Vista County fair board; Farm Bureau and Community Theatre. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Harlan; 40 year member of Independent Order of Odd Fellows and belonged to Cantons and Encampment.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Surviving are his wife, Helen of Harlan; three sons, Jack of Stewartville, MN; Gary of Kearney, NE and Richard of Wisner, NE; one daughter, Patricia (Mrs John) Christiansen of Harlan; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Daisy (Mrs Bates) Stepp of Kellogg, and Anabelle (Mrs Raymond) Petersen of Harlan; and a brother, Arthur Maxwell of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 26, at First United Methodist Church, Harlan, with Pastor George Gibson officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Lake Green, Luther Rice, Ed Sweet, Jr., Karl E. Sweet, Blaine Camarigg and Norman D. Stamp serving as honorary casket bearers. Serving as casket bearers were Richard Rice, Nels Block, Jr., John A. Maxwell, George Mathiasen, Ronald L. Petersen and Valen A. Christensen. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.