

Dr. Kenneth Mueller, 75

June 12, 1928 - March 20, 2004

HARLAN — Kenneth L. Mueller, the son of Harry and Wilmuth Ireland Mueller, was born June 12, 1928, in Griswold. He graduated from Griswold High School, where he was active in band and football. Ken played trumpet professionally with Lee William's Band during and for a time after high school. He then attended Palmer Chiropractic School in Davenport, and graduated in 1949.



Jan. 1, 1948, Ken married his high school sweetheart, Pauline Sasse, in Red Oak. Five children were born to this union, Paula, David, Kathy, Steve and Diane. In 1949, they moved to Harlan, where he opened his own chiropractic office. While he retired in 1990 from his chiropractic practice, he continued to be active in musical events including DeJa Vu, politics and the Harlan community. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He served as past chairman of the Shelby County Republican Party and was a Reagan Delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1980. He was very active in the Republican party working with state and national leaders such as Senator Chuck Grassley, State Representative Jack Drake, former governors Bob Ray and Terry Branstad. Ken served as mayor of Harlan from 1968-1973 and again from 1980-1982. He was instrumental in the development of Pioneer Park, the Harlan Public Library, and Insul-8. He received Harlan's Citizen of the Year award in 1965. He refereed high school and college football and was recognized by the Iowa High School Athletic Association for his 50 years as an official. For many years, he served on the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. Ken died at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, March 20, 2004, at age 75 years, nine months and eight days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Pauline, of Harlan; his children, Paula (Jerry) Wiebel of Milwaukee, WI; David Mueller (Nancy) of Kansas City, MO; Kathy (Mark) Swanson of St. Louis, MO; Steve Mueller (Deanna) of St. Louis, MO; Diane (Todd) Long of Phoenix, AZ; eight grandchildren; his sisters, Geraldine (Gene) Lewis of Springdale, AZ and Marilyn (Loren) Dyke of Great Bend, KS; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 24, 2004, at St. Michael's Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Hoefler celebrant. Burial was in Pleasant Township Cemetery in Griswold. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.