

Glen Rixen, 82 ✓

Dec. 22, 1921 - April 17, 2004

HARLAN – Glen Dale Rixen, the son of Arthur and Ida (Scheel) Rixen, was born Dec. 22, 1921, in Pender, NE. His family moved to Harlan shortly after his birth. Glen was a 1940 graduate of Harlan High School.

July 9, 1944, he married Carol Mae Channon in Harlan. For many years, Glen owned and operated Rixen Real Estate and Insurance. During the 1960's, he served as the local Civil Defense officer. In 1971, Glen sold his insurance business and became the Resource Management Officer with the Iowa State Department of Civil Defense. He was later with the CETA program, working out of Harlan. After returning to work in the real estate business for several years, he retired in 1989. Glen was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan. He was an active member of the Parian Lodge 321 AF & AM, Olivet Chapter #107, Adelpia Council #4, Mt. Zion Commandery #49 of Harlan, the Order of Eastern Star, Lebanon Chapter #8, the Abu Bekr Shrine Temple of Sioux City and the Harlan Shrine T-Patrol. He was past-president of the Harlan Kiwanis, and had served as Lt. Governor of District 12 in 1992-93. He was also a Harlan Golden K member. He died April 17, 2004, at the Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 82 years, three months and 26 days.

Preceding Glen in death were his parents and one sister, Dorothy Obrecht. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Carol Rixen of Harlan; one son, Steven (Sandra) Rixen of Hudson, WI; one daughter, Elizabeth Rixen of Olathe, KS; one brother, Walter (Helen) Rixen of Waukon; one brother-in-law, Gene Obrecht of Lincoln, NE; two grandchildren, Matthew Rixen and Kristofor Rixen; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 20, 2004, at the Congregational Church of Christ in Harlan, with Rev. Donna Ewert officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Frank "Rusty" Wirth, Lois Wirth, Dr. Joe Spearing, Carolyn Spearing, Gene Croghan and Dwain Boeck. Casket bearers were Ed Swank, Fritz Tiarks, Farrell Zimmerman, Dennis Woodin, Bert Hillers and Carl Nielsen. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

