

Wilbert Roenfeld, 81

March 27, 1926 - June 10, 2007

HARLAN – Wilbert Roenfeld was born March 27, 1926, to Harry and Sophia (Fisher) Roenfeld near Mineola. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mineola. He attended country school in Mills County.

Sept. 27, 1950, Wilbert married Angela Heitman at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs. Four children were born to this union: Randall, Joyce, Julie, and Rodney. Farming was his life. He farmed until his retirement in 1982, when he and Angela moved to Harlan. He then worked for various farmers, including his friend Charlie Leuck, whom he worked for, for six years. He was always very active in the agricultural community and listened to the grain and cattle markets every day. He kept busy by mowing the Harlan Cemetery, which he did for several years. He was also very active in his church assisting with janitorial duties when needed, serving as usher, and filling in whenever he could. He died June 10, 2007, at age eighty-one years, two months, and fourteen days.

Wilbert was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Joyce, and his brother Marvin. He is survived by his wife of fifty-six years, Angela, of Harlan; his children: Randall Roenfeld (Joyce) of Council Bluffs, Julie (Robert) Long of Lake Ozark, MO, and Rodney Roenfeld of Harlan; three granddaughters; two great-granddaughters; his brothers: Harry Roenfeld (Helen) of Elk Horn, and Robert Roenfeld (Karen) of Bella Vista, AR, his sister Evelyn (Rueben) Jensen of Alexandria, MN; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 13, 2007, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Darwin Warner, Donald Hansen, and Merle Hansen. Casket bearers were Chad Rosenboom, Weldon Heitman, Jr., John Roenfeld, Jeff Hansen, Lou Masters, and Kirk Dekker. Burial was in the Jacksonville Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

