

Eldred Schurke, 73

April 24, 1928 – June 10, 2001

DENISON – Eldred Louis Schurke was born April 24, 1928, son of Louis A. and Amanda Grell Schurke, on the family farm north of Deloit. He was baptized Sept. 23, 1928, and later confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Stockholm Township. He received his education in a rural school in Stockholm Township near Deloit.

March 8, 1953, he married Genevieve Weis at St. John's Lutheran Church, Stockholm Township. They made their home on the family farm north of Deloit, where they farmed for 35 years and were blessed with the birth of three children, Steven, Kevin and Beverly. In 1988, the couple moved to Denison and he became involved with the preparation of the race track in Denison and in Harlan for nine years. He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Denison. He died June 10, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 73 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Genevieve of 48 years; two sons, Steven Schurke (Karen) of Kiron; Kevin Schurke (Tammy) of Dow City; one daughter, Beverly Fink (Kevin) of Denison; 11 grandchildren and four great grandchildren; two sisters, Berniece Henderson (Harvey) of Denison; Arlene Hast (David) of Denison; one brother, Marvin Schurke (Rosie) of Sun City, AZ; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 14, 2001, at Zion Lutheran Church in Denison. Rev. Kurt Kaiser and Rev. David Sewing officiated the services and graveside rites held at Crawford Heights Memory Gardens in Denison. Casket bearers were Michelle Schurke, Shaina Schurke, Christy Schurke, Chad Wilson, Travis Fink, Nicholas Wilson, Robert Schurke, Yvette Schurke, Jacque Pauley and Lisa Fink. The Huebner Funeral Home in Denison in charge of arrangements.