

/ Robert Steckelberg, 83

Jan. 20, 1922 - Aug. 24, 2005

HARLAN — Robert Max Steckelberg, son of Henry and Hattie (Schwieso) Steckelberg, was born Jan. 20, 1922, near Manilla. He was baptized at the Lutheran Church in Manilla and was confirmed at the Lutheran Church in Arcadia. He attended school through the ninth grade in Manilla.

Oct. 20, 1943, Robert married Alice Christine Petersen at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. The couple farmed near Irwin until their retirement in 1983, when they bought a home in Harlan. He then worked part time for Farm Service Coop for 16 years. He also did lawn care and snow removal until Feb. 1,

2000, when his health forced him to stop. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, where he served as treasurer and deacon for several years. He died Aug. 24, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, at age 83 years, seven months, and four days.

Preceding Robert in death were his parents; five brothers-in-law, LaVern Brue, Norman Petersen, Ralph Hendersen, Dale Myers, and Orville Petersen; and one sister-in-law, Betty Petersen. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Alice Steckelberg of Harlan; one son, Rickey (Pat) Steckelberg of Shenandoah; one daughter, Rosemary (Alan) Klein of Kirkman; one brother, Lester (Norma) Steckelberg of Greenfield; two sisters, Lorene Brue of Manilla, and Viola (Lester) Hass of Harlan; five grandchildren, Brian (Jaime) Steckelberg of Kansas City, MO, Mark (Joanna) Klein of St. Anthony, MN, Melissa (Mike) Wilson of Racine, WI, Jennifer Klein of Kirkman, and Daniel (Dawn) Klein of Iowa City; five great-grandchildren, Brenner Klein, Aubree Klein, Claire Wilson, Lauren Klein, and Olivia Steckelberg; two sisters-in-law, Lila Petersen of Irwin, and Elsie Myers of Harlan; two half-sisters-in-law, Anna (John) Caffery and Charlotte (David) Aten, both of Council Bluffs; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 27, 2005, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin, with Pastor Victor Johnson officiating. Casket bearers were Gilbert Hanson, Steve Petersen, Verle Greer, William Shannon, Donald Dahlof, Verl Arentson, Buck Armentrout, and Dallas Klindt. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

