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Russell Williams, 77

Sept. 11, 1925 - May 18, 2003

WOODBINE – Russell Clyde Williams was born Sept. 11, 1925, to parents, Clyde and Tena (Clementine) Williams near Portsmouth. He grew up in the Portsmouth area and attended country school there.

Sept. 30, 1944, Russell married Betty Lyons in Harlan. He entered the United States Army June 5, 1945, and was stationed at Fort Knox, KY, until his honorable discharge Aug. 31, 1946. He was a tank instructor. Upon returning home, the couple farmed north-east of Portsmouth, then near Avoca, and finally near Woodbine. They purchased their farm in 1964. One of Russell's jobs was driving the school bus. He did this for over 20 years. He also worked at the Dunlap Sale Barn and Nixon Feeds in Omaha. He was baptized at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Logan. He was a charter member of the Woodbine Saddle Club and a member of the American Legion Weiss Post. He raised and bred quarter horses and Charolais cattle. He died at his home May 18, 2003, at age 77 years, eight months and seven days.

Russell was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Betty; and daughter, Shelley. He is survived by his three children, Roger Williams (Nancy) of Gering, NE; Craig Williams (Linda) of Woodbine; Sherrie (Patrick) Miller of Carroll; sister, Mae Mikels of Woodbine; brother, Laverne Williams (Darlene) of Woodbine; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 24, 2003, at Fouts Funeral Home. Military rites were conducted by the American Legion Weiss Post #143 with Rev. Mark Sikos officiating. Burial was in the Woodbine Cemetery. Casket bearers were Brian Williams, Aaron Williams, Matthew Williams, Justin Williams, Jarrod Williams and Chad Williams.