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Howard Schwartz, 72

May 11, 1933 - Jan. 11, 2006

GUTHRIE CENTER — Howard Schwartz was born May 11, 1933, at the family home in Bayard, to Raymond and Lizzie Schick Schwartz. After graduating from Bayard School in 1950, he worked on the family farm.

Sept. 7, 1952, Howard married Lela Garloch at the First Christian Church in Guthrie Center, where he was later baptized. They resided on a farm near Bayard until March 1954, when he entered the Army, serving 16 months in Korea. Upon his return from the service, he started farming where they currently reside near Guthrie Center. He was a member of Orange 123 Masonic Lodge, American Legion and First Christian Church.

He died Jan. 11, 2006, at The New Homestead in Guthrie Center at age 72.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Nancy Ann, at age 12 weeks; and sisters, Gladys Peterson and Edna Keimig. He is survived by his wife, Lela; son, David (Tammy) Schwartz of Harlan; daughter, Diane (Mike) Buker of Ft. Calhoon, NE; son, Tom of Guthrie Center; six grandchildren, Bryan, Todd, Derek and Taylor Schwartz and Andrew and Kristin Buker; two sisters, Grace Hattabaugh of Macomb, IL and Helen Kulhavy of Casa Grande, AZ; two brothers, Ray Schwartz and Kenny Schwartz of Bayard; 23 nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the First Christian Church in Guthrie Center with burial in the Highland Township Cemetery, Bayard, with military graveside rites conducted by Omar B. Shearer Post #124. Honorary casket bearers were Melvin Durst, Clifford Leib, Lyle Hayes, Roger Winston and Duane Allemang. Casket bearers were Bryan Schwartz, Todd Schwartz, Andrew Buker, Kristin Buker, Jack Tuel and C.W. Thomas.