

**David Stewart, 75****Dec. 27, 1933 - March 13, 2009**

**HARLAN** — David Earl Stewart, son of Earl and Vera Ruth (Boysen) Stewart, was born on December 27, 1933, on the family farm in rural Harlan. He was baptized at First Baptist Church in Harlan and attended school at Monroe Township Number 1 through eighth grade before helping his dad on the farm. In 1956, David enlisted in the United States Navy and served for two years. In 1957, he was honorably discharged and returned home to help his father on the farm.

December 7, 1957, David was united in marriage to Vera Marie McCord. Six children were born to this union: Lois, Paul, triplets: James, John, and Janice, and Kathe. After their wedding, David and Vera made their home on the Stewart Family Farm. They are the third generation to live on this land. He started farming with horses, milked cows, was the first in the area to have big round bales on their land, and told his boys if they wanted to start farming, he'd give them a chance. He kept at it until starting his auger business. His business helped most of his kids and grandkids pay for college. David would take the kids outside after supper and play ball. He threw right handed, hit left handed, and was one heck of a hitter. If a window got broke, he just figured they hit the ball really hard! He loved coaching Little League or softball and coached most of his kids at some sport. His love of sports continued when it was time to cheer on the grandkids! When David wasn't busy working, he enjoyed spending time with his family. He really enjoyed going to sports shows and manning his son Jim's booth. He loved to talk to people and hand out the catalogues. He was always cutting and splitting wood in the grove and burning the brush. If you wanted to find him, just look for the smoke. David was also a very active charter member of the First Baptist Church in Harlan and loved being a greeter. He loved the Lord and serving the church in any way. David never really retired. He and his grandson Zach were putting together an auger when David died on Friday, March 13, 2009, less than fifty feet from where he was born. He had attained the age of seventy-five years, two months, and fourteen days.

David is preceded in death by his parents and his infant grandson Ethan Stewart. He is survived by his wife Vera Stewart of Harlan; their children: Lois and her husband Dave Martin, Paul Stewart and his wife Diane all of Harlan, James Stewart of Minocqua, WI, John Stewart of Harlan, Janice and her husband Bryan Greve of Elk Horn, and Kathe and her husband Dennis Slavin of Grimes; twelve grandchildren: Erin, Nicole, and Cyndi Greve, Mat, Wendy, and Jamie Martin, Mike and Alex Slavin, and Melissa, Zach, and Danielle Stewart; his sister Ruth Stewart of Kansas City, MO; nieces; nephews; other family members and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 16, 2009, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan. Pastor Gundar Lamberts officiated the 1:00 PM service. Burial was held at the Harlan Cemetery in Harlan, with Bryan Greve, Eugene "Jack" and Jeanette Clayton, Dave Martin, Dale Skinner, Marlow and Jeanette Clemons, Shag Skinner, Diane Stewart, Harold and Donna Lanman, Dennis Slavin,



LaVonne Anderson, Don and Clarice Andersen, Lloyd Messenger, Kelly Doonan, Jeff Messenger, Ed and Gloria Mills, and Jim and Monna Juhl acting as honorary casket bearers. Serving as casket bearers were: Mat Clark, Wendy Martin, Jamie Martin, Erin Greve, Nikki Greve, Cyndi Greve, Melissa Stewart, Zach Stewart, Danielle Stewart, Mike Slavin, and Alex Slavin.

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