

Edwin Swank, 72

Nov. 6, 1935 - May 17, 2008

HARLAN — Edwin Carl Swank, son of Paul and Gladys (Fairchild) Swank, was born on November 6, 1935 in Carroll, IA. He was baptized at First Christian Church and graduated from Harlan High School in 1954. After graduation, Ed farmed with his father east of Harlan.

October 24, 1954, Ed was united in marriage to Charlotte Ann Petersen at the First Christian Church in Atlantic, IA. Four children were born to this union: Tim, Cathy, Brenda, and Shelley. Ed and Charlotte lived in Harlan until 1956 when they moved to a farm west of Harlan. They continued to farm west of Harlan until 1999. Ed began working for the Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) in Harlan reading meters. He continued to do this until his death. Ed was a member of the Parian Masonic Lodge No. 321, A.F. & A.M. of Harlan, Abu-Bekr Temple Shrine A. A. O. N. M. S. of Sioux City, and Lebanon Chapter No. 8, O.E.S. Eastern Star. Ed died on Saturday, May 17, 2008, at Myrtle Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of seventy-two years, six months, and eleven days.

Ed is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Charlotte, and their daughter Cathy. He is survived by his son Tim Swank and his wife Jean of Harlan; his daughters: Brenda and her husband Chris Jensen of Bremerton, WA and Shelley and her husband John Schafer of Bellevue, NE; nine grandchildren: Patti and her husband Mike Burroughs of Omaha, NE; David Swank and his wife Becky of Harlan; Shawna and her husband Dominic Garguile of Modesto, CA; Cindy Coldiron of Bremerton; Justin Schafer of Bellevue; Rebecca Swank of Harlan; and Christine, Sarah, and Morgan Schafer all of Bellevue. Five great-grandchildren: Sidnie Burroughs of Omaha; Abby Swank of Harlan; Gavin Burroughs of Omaha; Hailee Coldiron of Bremerton; and Cody Swank of Harlan. His special friend Inez Dreager of Atlantic, IA; nieces, nephews, other family members and many friends.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan with Pastor Al Hazelton officiating the 10:30 AM service. Honorary casket bearers were Kenneth Thomsen, Franklin Rasmussen, Mark Rasmussen, David Christensen, Dennis Woodin, Bob Christensen, Denzil Nelson, Bill Stinn, and Delbert Bruck. Serving as casket



bearers were Justin Schafer, Mike Burroughs, Dave Wahling, Mike Burke, Dave Clark, and David Swank with interment held at the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Lincoln Township, Rural

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