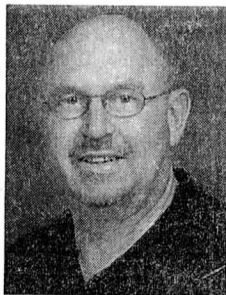


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## **Thomas Boelman, 59**

*Sept. 2, 1947 - Feb. 7, 2007*

**HARLAN** — Thomas "Tom" Boelman was born Sept. 2, 1947, in Aplington, to George and Anna (Kappel) Boelman. He attended Ackley grade school and Ackley-Geneva High School, graduating with the class of 1965. He continued his education at Ellsworth Junior College in Iowa Falls, before enlisting in the United States Air Force. He served in Vietnam before being honorably discharged from the service in 1970. Tom started with Farmland Foods in 1970 at the Iowa Falls facility as a production employee. Over the years, he worked his way up to plant engineer. In 1993, Tom accepted a position at the Denison plant as a corporate project engineer and the family moved to Harlan. He remained with Farmland his entire career and was honored in 2006 for 35 years of service.



Tom married Christine Miller Dec. 5, 1970. Two children were born to this union, Nicole and Ryan. He was a member of Audubon County Conservation Club, NRA, and the Elliott-Keninger Legion Post in Ackley. Tom died unexpectedly Feb. 7, 2007, at age 59 years, five months, and five days.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, George and Anna Boelman, and his sister, Mary Ann DeBoer. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Christine Boelman of Harlan; his daughter, Nicole (Vance) Arnold, and their son, Eli, of Harlan; his son, Ryan Boelman of Fremont, NE; his close special friend, Mary Becker of Omaha, NE; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10, 2007, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with Pastor Heather Ploen and Pastor Steve Chelley officiating. Casket bearers were Wesley Poley, John Knipfel, Jeff Bottjen, Rick Henry and Mark Bazis. Military graveside rites were conducted by the Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150, Ackley American Legion Post No. 252 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery.