

## Marlow Clemons, 85

Nov. 2, 1929 - Dec. 19, 2014

**HARLAN** — Marlow O.

Clemons was born on November 2, 1929, to Victor and Ethel (Olson) Clemons on a farm five miles south of Irwin. He was baptized and confirmed at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin and attended country school in Polk Township, graduating from Kirkman High School. After graduation, Marlow farmed with his father until he was drafted into the United States Army in 1951. He served during the Korean War and obtained his honorable discharge in 1953.



Marlow met Jeanette Hansen at the Harlan Skating Rink and on February 18, 1956, they were united in marriage at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. They became parents to three children: Craig, Nancy and Calvin. Marlow and Jeanette farmed her parents farm near Prairie Rose State Park. Together they farmed through his semi-retirement in 1999. They continued to live on the farm until 2007 when they moved into Harlan. He enjoyed the family get togethers and was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, serving on various church boards and teaching Sunday School. Marlow died on Friday, December 19, 2014 at Elm Crest Retirement Community having attained the age of eighty-five years, one month, and seventeen days.

In addition to his parents, Marlow was preceded in death by his wife Jeanette Clemons twelve days prior, and his brother Vincent Clemons. He is survived by his children: Craig Clemons and his wife Sandy of Harlan, Nancy and her husband Mark Ehrecke of Davenport, and Calvin Clemons and his wife Jenifer of Winona, MN; six grandchildren; his sister-in-law Alice Clemons of Harlan; nieces and nephews; other family members and friends.

Pastor Ron Rasmussen officiated the 10:30 a.m. funeral service on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. Peggy Doonan was the organist. Serving as casket bearers was Dr. Mark Andersen, David Pleiss, Jason Schneider, Dale Clemons, Fidel Martinez-Greer, and Larry Clemons. Military Rites were held by Harlan American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and Shelby county VFW Post No. 150 at Jacksonville Cemetery in Jacksonville.

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