

Donald Gibson, 96 ✓

July 13, 1909 - June 9, 2006

HARLAN — Donald Lawrence Gibson, son of Harry and Jessie (White) Gibson, was born in Woodbine, July 13, 1909. He was raised on his family's farm outside of town but during the school year he roomed and boarded in Woodbine. He graduated with the class of 1928 and after high school went to work for the Bell Telephone Company in Omaha, NE. A few years later, he returned to Woodbine and began farming south of town.

Dec. 23, 1933, Donald married Norma Margaret Mikesell in Harlan. They became the parents of two sons, David and Donald. Together they farmed outside of Woodbine until 1943, when they made their home on a farm near Tennant. They farmed several acreages around the Tennant area until 1964, when they built a new home on a farm north of Shelby. Donald and Norma began to winter in Arizona in the late 1970's and in 1984 they made their permanent home in Apache Junction, AZ. Norma died Dec. 19, 1994, in Mesa, AZ. Donald remained for a few years in Arizona before returning back to Iowa to make his home at Elm Crest in Harlan in 1998. This has been his home since. In 2001, Donald moved to the assisted living wing of Elm Crest and this is where he died June 9, 2006, at age ninety-six years, ten months and twenty-seven days.

In addition to his wife and parents, Donald was preceded in death by his sisters, Bessie Hansen, Jessie Yokum, Margaret Chappel and Jean Kuster, and his brother, Harry Gibson. He is survived by his sons, David Gibson (Jill) of Harlan, and Donald Gibson (Dai Sil) Kim-Gibson of New York, NY; his two grandchildren, Julia Gibson of Portsmouth, and James Gibson (Karwyn) of Panora; his two great grandchildren, Reagan and Riley Gibson of Panora, and his sister, Kathryn Newland of Woodbine; several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 12, 2006, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home with James Boardman officiating. Burial was in the Woodbine Cemetery with Bill Bruck, Harold Lansman, Don Plumb, Jim Gibson, Gerald Gibson, and Allan Jones casket bearers.