

Donald Haas, 71

May 5, 1932 - May 26, 2003

KIMBALLTON – Donald Eugene Haas, son of Adolph and Johanne (Nielsen) Haas, was born May 5, 1932, at home near Prairie Rose Lake in Shelby County. He attended school near his home at Jackson Township #9 (Copenhagen School) and following his schooling worked out for neighbors. From 1951 to 1953, Donald served as a driver in a transportation unit with the United States Army in Germany during the Korean War. He attained the rank of Corporal before receiving his honorable discharge and returning to Shelby County. Donald then worked at the lumberyard in Harlan and farmed on the side.



Sept. 4, 1965, Donald married June Korsgaard at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. Three children were born to this union. Don and June rented farms northwest of Rorbeck until their retirement in 1998, when they moved into Kimballton. During his retirement, he still raised a few cattle and helped on the farm. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and served on the church council. He implemented many ideas to modify and improve existing equipment. May 26, 2003, Don died suddenly at his home in Kimballton, at age 71 years and 21 days.

Besides his parents, Don was preceded in death by twin grandchildren, Johanna and Andrew Collett, and a brother, James Haas. He is survived by his wife, June Haas of Kimballton; children, Michael Haas (Lisa) of Atlantic; Dennis Haas and fiancée, Erin Closner of Sioux City; and Cathy (Tim) Collett of Lenexa, KS; grandchildren, Katie, Kodie and Kellie Haas and Flannery Closner; brothers and sisters, Ruby Larson of Maple Grove, MN; Edna Haas of Harlan; Russell Haas (Dorothy) of Portsmouth; Amy Gilmore of Denver, CO; and John Haas (Hertha) of Harlan; in-laws, Liss (Harrison) Hartley of St. Joseph, MO; Ellen (Stanley) Bell of Windsor, CO; Chris Korsgaard and friend, David York, of Portland, OR; and Carl Korsgaard of Kimballton; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Memorial services were held May 30, 2003, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton, with Pastor John Swenson officiating. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.