

Donald Heilig, 80 ✓

Feb. 9, 1927 - Feb. 15, 2007

SHELBY — Donald George Heilig, son of Leonard and Madeline (Robinson) Heilig, was born Feb. 9, 1927 in Shelby. He was baptized in the Shelby Methodist Church April 8, 1928 and later confirmed in the Shelby Lutheran Church. He attended school in Shelby. Don enlisted in the United States Navy March of 1945. He was stationed on the Battleship USS Pennsylvania. After receiving his Honorable Discharge in July 1946, he returned to Shelby and began a bulldozing business. He was known as the best cat skinner in southwest Iowa. He also continued to farm with his father and brothers. He died at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, NE Feb. 15, 2007 at age eighty years and six days.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Carol Jean Heilig. Survivors include his children: Terry Heilig of Oklahoma; Danny Heilig (Ruth) of Elk Horn; Randy Heilig of Shelby; Brian Heilig of Omaha, NE; Roger Heilig (Vanessa) of Shelby; Deborah (Doug) Seymour of Crescent; Douglas Heilig (Michelle) of Avoca; Kristin Heilig of Shelby; Robin Heilig (Missy) of Kansas City, MO; Traci (Larry) Allen of Odebolt and Dawn (Michael) Holthus of Pickrell, NE; and long time friend Millie Petrzilka; twenty-seven grandchildren; two great grandchildren; three brothers: Bob Heilig (Leona) of Maphis, TX; Ted Heilig (Judy) and Tim Heilig, all of Avoca; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 19, 2007 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca with Pastor Duane Anunson officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Jason Emery and Eric Seymour with Ted Heilig, Doug Seymour, Tim Heilig, Roger Heilig, Doug Heilig and Robin Heilig casket bearers. Military Rites were done by the Shelby American Legion Post No. 240 with burial in the Shelby Cemetery.