

Henry Jelken, Jr., 77

July 29, 1922 – July 10, 2000

LE MARS – Henry L. Jelken, Jr. was born July 29, 1922, in Washington Township rural Le Mars, son of Henry and Meta (Kruse) Jelken, Sr. He grew up in the area and attended rural school.

He married Shirley Mandelkow June 15, 1947, at St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA in Le Mars. They farmed for many years in Washington Township retiring in 1984. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA and the Le Mars Eagles Club. He died July 10, 2000, at Floyd Valley Hospital following a brief cancer illness at age 77 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Alvin; and a sister, Irene Hanson. Survivors include his wife, Shirley of Le Mars; two sons, Randall (Jean) Jelken and Byron (Faye) Jelken, all of Le Mars; a daughter, Gloria (Jim) Miller of Harlan; eight grandchildren, Jeff Jelken; Jodi (Tony) Jacobsen; Tony, Danny and Billy Miller and Travis, Tyler and Tiffany Jelken, and two great grandchildren, Katelyn and Alex Jacobsen; two brothers, Harold Jelken of Brunsville and Dick (Darla) Jelken of Sloan; six sisters, Florence Jennings, Leona Pierce and Mary Ann (Ray) Meyer, all of Minnesota; and Amanda Westhoff, Lillian Ludwigs and Carla (Vince) Krienert, all of Le Mars; and a sister-in-law, Juanita Jelken of Brunsville, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held July 13, 2000, at St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA in Le Mars, with Rev. Gary Ladsness officiating. Burial was in Memorial Cemetery at Le Mars. The Mauer-Johnson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.