

## Douglas Linden, 79 ✓

Jan. 24, 1928 - Aug. 7, 2007

**HARLAN** - Douglas William Linden was born Jan. 24, 1928, to Oscar and Edith (McKeighan) Linden in Portsmouth, and grew up near Tennant. He attended school in Tennant, graduating from high school with the class of 1945. He began his farming career shortly after completing his education.

Douglas married Ellen Sorensen Feb. 21, 1950, at the Tennant Methodist Church. Four children were born to this union, Barbara, Sandra, Mary, and Brian. The family lived near Avoca, Harlan, and Corley, but mostly near Walnut, where he was baptized at Calvary Baptist Church. He served as a deacon and trustee for the church until moving to Harlan in 1975. He became a member of First Baptist Church in Harlan July 8, 1979.

He worked at his daughter's farm after moving to Harlan until his retirement in 1990, although he never truly retired. He continued to help out at the farm. He died unexpectedly Aug. 7, 2007, at age 79 years, six months, and 14 days.

Douglas was preceded in death by his parents, his children, Barbara, Mary, and Brian; his granddaughter, Angela; and his brothers and sisters, David, Darrell, Esther, Dana, Helen, Dallas, and Duane. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ellen, of Harlan; his daughter, Sandra (Jeff) Lansman of Harlan; three grandchildren, Kris Lansman (Jen) of Le Mars; Matt Lansman and Nicole Lansman, both of Harlan; his sister, Wilma (Howell) McClure of Kingsfield, ME; his brother, Dewey Linden of Elk Horn; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A Celebration of Life was held Aug. 11, 2007, at First Baptist Church in Harlan with Pastor Gundar Lamberts officiating burial at the Harlan Cemetery. Casket bearers were Gale Linden, Matthew Lansman, Jeff Lansman, Jennifer Lansman, Kristofer Lansman, and Nicole Lansman. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

