



Harley Nielsen, 87

April 19, 1926 - May 17, 2013

COUNCIL BLUFFS – Harley James, son of Chris L. and Dagmar (Christiansen) Nielsen, was born April 19, 1926 on a farm in Audubon County. He attended country school near his home. Harley entered the United States Army in 1945 and received his honorable discharge in 1947 after serving in the military police. Harley lived and worked in the Harlan area until moving to Council Bluffs in 1956.

March 28, 1958 Harley was united in marriage with Bonita Alice Hermeling in Omaha, NE. Harley and Bonnie were the parents of one daughter. They lived outside of Council Bluffs until moving to a retirement apartment. Harley worked maintenance most of his adult life until retiring in 1988. Harley and Bonnie enjoyed going to car shows with their restored black cherry red Studebaker. He belonged to Studebaker Drivers Club. Harley was an avid reader and a member of American Legion Post 2. Harley was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in December of 2012. After a courageous battle, he died early Friday morning at Josie Harper Hospice House, Omaha, NE May 17, 2013 at the age of 87 and 28 days.

Preceding Harley in death are his parents; brother Norman Nielsen and brother-in-law Delbert Criss. Harley is survived by his wife Bonnie Nielsen of Council Bluffs, and daughter Margaret (Peg) Stingley (Jerry) of Omaha, NE; three grandsons John Reese of Des Moines, Tony Reese (Judy) of Aurora, CO and Wesley Stingley (Eva) of Omaha, NE; six great-grandchildren; sister Myrna Criss of Wichita, KS; sister-in-law Barbara Nielsen of Wichita, KS; and many other family and friends.

Visitation was held Wednesday, May 22, 2013, after 10:00 a.m. at Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, May 22, 2013, 11:00 a.m. at Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton with Pastor Keith Mentor of the Elk Horn Lutheran Church officiating. Casket bearers were Jerry Stingley, James Barker, John Reese, Michael Fleek, Tony Reese and James Richter. Honorary Casket Bearers were Gerald Huebert and John Haas. Bonnie's escort was Jim Hermeling.

Interment with Military Honors by American Legion Post 51 was at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Kimballton.

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