

Harlan, Iowa Tribune, Tuesday November 26, 2002,

## Clyde Thomson, 79

*Sept. 20, 1923 - Nov. 18, 2002*

**MANILLA** – Clyde Winston, son of Howard and Myrtle (Knudsen) Thomson, was born Sept. 20, 1923, near Harlan in Monroe Township, Shelby County. His great grandparents and several grandparents emigrated from Denmark. Clyde attended rural school, Monroe #4, through the eighth grade and then graduated from Harlan High School in 1941. After high school, he worked in construction for his uncle and then for a short time at Kaiser shipyards in Richmond, CA. He then returned to Iowa and worked with his father on the farm.

Oct. 10, 1948, he married Betty Wooster at the Merrill's Grove Baptist Church in Fiscus. Five children were born to this union. The family made their home in Harlan for a short time where Clyde worked in masonry, plastering and cement work. In 1952, they moved to the Manilla area where he began farming for himself. In 1972, he became a representative for Vermeer Manufacturing Company, selling and servicing Vermeer haying equipment in addition to farming. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Manning where he taught Sunday School for 30 years. He was a member of the Farm Bureau; the Farm Service Coop of which he was a board member for 15 years; the Manilla School Board for nine years; and the West Central Iowa Healthcare Foundation Board. He was also a board member of a lumberyard in Harlan and Manilla for a number of years. Clyde's health had been fragile for several years before his death, Nov. 18, 2002, while getting in his car at his home to go to church at age 79 years, one month and 28 days.

Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, James Thomsen in 1968, and a brother, Bruce Thomsen. He is survived by his wife, Betty Thomson of Manilla; four daughters, Marcia (Gregg) Lanzen of Goshen, IN; Julie (Carl) Hall of Thornton, CO; Kristi (Bryan) Troyer of Glade, KS; and Sara (Phillip) Stracke of Manilla; 19 grandchildren; two sisters, Carolyn Thomson of Lawrence, KS and Dorothy (Dewey) Linden of Elk Horn; sister-in-law, Margaret (Thomson) (Bob) Ferguson of Liberty, MO; and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 21, 2002, at the Calvary Baptist Church in Manning, with Pastor Gregory Lanzen of the First Baptist Church in Goshen, IN, and Pastor Louis Miller retired officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna Cemetery in Manilla. Honorary casket bearers were Jim Nelson, Robert Lohrmann, Herman Meiners, Sam Roberts, John Long, Dale McCone and Bernard Stracke. Casket bearers were Scott Lanzen, Jeffery Lanzen, Ryan Hall, David Lanzen, Jordon Troyer, Reid Stracke, Nathan Lanzen, Tyson Troyer and Grant Stracke. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.