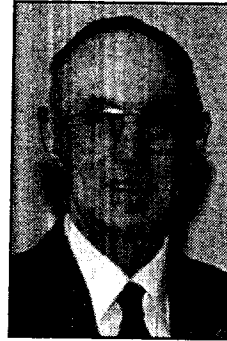


Dean Hiltbrunner Border, 80

Dean Hiltbrunner Border, 80, of rural Ladora passed away Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007, at the Montezuma Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor, with the Rev. Jim Davis, pastor of the Victor United Methodist Church, officiating. Organist was Shari Schnebbe and vocalists were Ken and Shelly Folkmann. Pallbearers were Ken Folkmann, Ron Grier, Kim Nelson, Mark Neuhaus, and Kevin and Larry Shaull. Burial was in the Ohio Cemetery near Ladora.



Memorial contributions may be directed to the Marengo Memorial Hospital.

Dean was born Oct. 26, 1926, near Ladora. He was one of two children born to Clifford and Myrtle Hiltbrunner Border. He was raised on the farm south of Ladora and graduated from Ladora High School in 1944. He was a World War II veteran serving in the United States Army in the Pacific Theater.

On June 28, 1947, Dean was married to Arva Schaffner of Millersburg. They made their home on the family farm south of Ladora. The couple was blessed with two children, Lee and Pamela.

Dean farmed, raising crops and livestock, including purebred hogs for many years. Even after his retirement, he remained active on the farm helping his son. He was an Allis-Chalmers man and restored several tractors in recent years. He was often seen at local auctions adding to his cookie jar collection. Dean enjoyed his family, his pets, and watching NASCAR. He was a lifetime member of the Ohio United Methodist Church near Ladora.

Dean will be dearly missed by his wife of 60 years, Arva; his son, Lee of rural Ladora; and his daughter, Pamela (Steve) Ranfeld, and grandchildren, Justin and Maisey, all of rural Guernsey.

In death, he has rejoined his parents, Clifford and Myrtle; and his brother, Gerald.

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