Earl Klein, 77, Newton

Earl Wayne Klein, the son of Carl Walter Klein and Emid Caroline Schnell, was born July 19, 1929, in Newton. A lifelong resident of the rural Newton area, Earl lived on the farm his entire life. On Aug. 12, 1951, Earl was united in marriage with Lola Mae Jansen in Lynville.

Earl was a farmer and was honored in 1993 in recognition of his Century Farm. Earl loved his family. He enjoyed rebuilding cars, having completed over 80 vehicles. He collected antique farm tractors and traveled to many tractor pulls. Earl was a longtime member of the Lynville Church of God, the Farm Bureau Board and the Lynville-Sully School Board.

Earl died on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, at the Monarch Wing at Skiff Medical Center in Newton. He was 77 years old. Earl was preceded in death by his parents; and a son, Norman Klein.

Those left to honor Earl, memory include his wife of 55 years, Lola Mae Klein of Lynville; his daughters, Beverly and Larry Peckous of Beijing, China and Donna and Arthur Richey of Tulsa, OK; his daughter-in-law, Gelene and Bob Evans; his four grandchildren, Susan Peckous, Stephen Peckous, Hannah Klein, Garrison Klein; his three step-grandchildren, Kaitlyn Evans, Matthew Evans and Nathan Evans and his many good neighbors and friends.