

Keith M. Renaud, 84



Keith Renaud, 84, of New Sharon, passed away Thursday, Oct. 18, 2007 at his home

His funeral service was held on Monday, Oct. 22, at the New Sharon United Methodist Church with the

Rev. John Battern officiating. Interment followed at Friends Cemetery in New Sharon with full military honors given by the Coffin-Miller American Legion Post No. 446. Harden Funeral Home of New Sharon was in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to New Sharon United Methodist Church or New Sharon Fire and Rescue.

Keith Milo Renaud, son of Russell and Grace Monsma Renaud, was born Sept. 20, 1923 in Mahaska County. He was a 1942 graduate of New Sharon High School. On Sept. 19, 1942 he was united in marriage to Nina Gail Busby. A lifetime resident of New Sharon, Keith and Gail farmed west of New Sharon. He was a member of the New Sharon United Methodist Church where he had served on the finance board. Keith farmed until he served with the U.S. Army 1st Calvary from 1945 to 1946

and spent one year with the occupational guard in Japan. He returned from Japan in 1947 and went back to farming west of New Sharon on the family farm. He served many years as a Township Trustee, served on the Mahaska County Farm Bureau Board, Mahaska County Pork Producers Board and leader of Prairie Livestock Producers. Some of his interests included fishing, camping (especially at the State Fair), playing pinochle and pepper, attending North Mahaska School events and his granddaughters' and his great-grandchildren's events.

His memory is honored by his wife of 65 years, Gail of New Sharon; two daughters and a son, Karen (Jack) Prewitt of Omaha, Neb., Kevin (Linda) Renaud of New Sharon and Kathy (Bob) Huber of North English; four granddaughters, Jenny (Travis) Gay of New Sharon, Stacie (Zach) Griffith of Cleburne, Texas, Erin (Caleb) Koehn of North English, Sandi (Tim) Boeyink of Highlands Ranch, Colo. and five great-grandchildren, Madison Koehn, Brody Koehn, Trey Boeyink, Luke Boeyink and Brynn Boeyink.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Grace Renaud; a sister, Shirley Holland, and two brothers, Cleo and Vernon.

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