

Charles Kiner, 82 PCC 6-9-10

Charles Kiner, 82, of Deep River, passed away Monday, May 31, 2010, at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 3, at the Harden Funeral Chapel in What Cheer. Burial was in the Sixteen Cemetery at Thornburg. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family.



Charles Russell Kiner, Jr. was born Jan. 20, 1928, in Os-kaloosa, the son of Charles and Frances (Western) Kiner. He was a 1946 graduate of the Montezuma High School. Then in 1951, Charles enlisted in the United States Army, where he served two years as a military police officer.

While attending a horse show in Lynnvile, Chuck met his sweetheart, Catherine Thomas. The couple was united in marriage on Sept. 29, 1961, in Colorado Springs, Colo. Over the years, Chuck became an excellent mule skinner and a respected horseman. He was most proud of the time when he was able to take his horses and buggy to Amana and allowed Coach Tom Davis to drive his team. Chuck also chauffeured Linda Gray, the star of "Dallas," in a parade in Texas. He cherished every opportunity for his grandchildren to enjoy the simple pleasures of the farm. Charles also enjoyed attending horseshows with his best friend (his wife). He will be remembered as a grandpa who always made you get back on, as an ornery father, and a loving husband.

Charles is survived by his wife, Catherine, of What Cheer; a son, D.J. McKinney of Harvey; a daughter, Keely (Douglas) Fowler of St. Robert, Mo.; and a brother, Melvin Kiner, of Altoona. Chuck's life was also blessed with eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two daughters, Tracy and Stacy Kiner; as well as a brother, Wilmer Kiner.