

RAYMOND JOHN YODER

1929-2012

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS: Raymond John Yoder, died on Monday, July 2, 2012. He was the young-est of ten Amish Mennonite children born to Eli S. Yoder and Esther Helena Bren-neman.

He was born near Kalona, Iowa, on Jan. 26, 1929. In his early years, he served proudly in the United States Air Force as an airplane mechanic and it was during that time that he met and married Jo Ann Rickman. They were married 45 years and she preceded him in death on August 23, 1996. They had two children, his son, Phillip Wayne Yoder and wife, Paula, of Denton and his daughter, Laurie Ann Yoder, of Arlington.

In 1997, Raymond married Donis Hefner and they were married 15 years until his death Monday. With his marriage to Donis, he inherited a stepson, Ken Hefner and his wife, Tina, of North Richland Hills; grandchildren, Alisha and Cassie; and a great-grandchild, Ka-den.

His brothers Ivan, Lyle, Marvin, Wilbur, Duane, Calvin; and sisters, Eva and Verna, preceded him in death. He has one surviving sister, Luella Yoder, of Ka-lona, Iowa.

Raymond worked at Texas Instruments initially as a sheet metal worker, then as a supervisor for 27 years until his retirement in 1987. Always a farmer at heart, after retirement he enjoyed working on his farm in Boyd and was a member of Trinity Baptist Church while living in Boyd. In the last few years of his life he and Donis had retired from the Boyd farm and lived in North Richland Hills.

Memorial service was held at 10 a.m., Friday, July 6, 2012, at Christian-Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Boyd.

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