



Gerald Kay, Feb. 2, 1919 – May 3, 2017

Gerald Kay, 98, of Atlantic, Iowa, passed away Wednesday, May 3, 2017, in his home. Gerald Laverne Kay, son of Harry and Hattie (Sanny) Kay, was born on February 2, 1919, in the same home where he passed away. He was one of four brothers that attended country school and his family often provided housing for teachers. Gerald graduated from Atlantic High School in 1935. Following graduation, he obtained his pilot's license, using it for both business and pleasure.

Farming had always been a part of Gerald's life. He often said he saw it all in his lifetime, from horse-drawn carriages to today's current machinery. Gerald loved to tell the story of him and his brothers walking to Troublesome Creek to saw ice blocks out of the river. He raised fat cattle, hogs, capons, and turkeys. He dressed the turkeys and sold them locally to families and to Viason Company in Storm Lake. In addition to his own farming operation he owned and operated Kay and Larsen International and his own elevator; which still stands

today. In the 1950s, he was one of the first locally to start an alfalfa plot.

On October 4, 1986, he was united in marriage to Muriel I. Sheriff at the Audubon Presbyterian Church. The couple enjoyed going to shows in Branson and at the Oak Tree Opry in Anita. They were members of the Audubon Travelers and National Campout group. Gerald and Muriel were looking forward to serving at the upcoming Audubon Travelers campout at Hancock Park on May 19th. They made countless friends while wintering in Texas for the last 25 years.