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Donald LaVerne Elding

Nov. 15, 1944 to June 16, 2003

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Survivors include his wife, Gloria, of Slater; his parents, LaVerne and Margret Elding, of Corpus Christi, Texas; a brother, David (and Nancy) Elding of Maxwell; a sister, Deb Elding, of Corpus Christi, Texas; and 18 nieces and nephews.

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Elding, Donald d. 6-16-2003

A rural Slater man was killed in a motorcycle accident Monday. Polk County sheriff's officials reported. The body of Donald Elding, 59, was found in tall weeds about 8:30 p.m. northwest of Runnells.

Officials said the accident might have occurred several hours earlier. Witnesses saw the motorcycle at the side of the road long before they realized the

rider was lying nearby. Elding died from severe chest injuries. He was not wearing a helmet.

Polk County Medical Examiner Dr. Francis Garrity said Elding's chest injuries were so severe that he probably could not have been saved even if someone had promptly reported the crash.

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