

Jack E. Akers, 60

Jack Edward, son of Earl Ray and Melissa Enous Akers was born June 3, 1924 at Manilla. He attended Manilla schools, leaving high school at age 17 to join the U.S. Navy. He completed his education in the service.

He served his country during World War II in the European-African Mid East Theater and in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. He received a commendation from the Secretary of the Navy for bravery when his ship was torpedoed. He was wounded by the ensuing explosion and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was disabled for the remainder of his life as a consequence of his injuries. He was honorably discharged from the Navy as a Seaman First Class.

On March 18, 1954 he married Beatrice Hahn at St. John's church in Omaha. To this union four children were born. They lived in Omaha for a short time after their marriage and then moved to Manilla. He was employed by Rasmussen Lumber Co. for over 20 years and then was employed by Carl Mundt. He became completely disabled in 1983 and was forced to retire. He entered the Veterans Administration Hospital in Omaha this summer and died there on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1984, at the age of 60 years, 3 months and 1 day.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Lou; three brothers, Thomas, Franklin and Robert. He is survived by his wife Beatrice; by one son, Michael Akers of Eden, Okla.; by three daughters, Mrs Tom (Michelle) Opperman of Des Moines, Madonna Akers of Co. Bluffs and Melinda Akers at home; by four grandchildren; by two brothers, Leonard of Denison and Maurice of Manilla and by two sisters, Mrs Marilyn Hollander of Salina, Kans. and Betty Akers of Brayton.

Services were held Friday, Sept. 7, 1984 at Sacred Heart church in Manilla with Fr. Robert Fangman as celebrant. Burial was in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Manilla with Carl Mundt, Larry Hanson, Gerald McMahan, Russ McMahan, Ray Rutherford, Tom Rutherford as casketbearers. Honorary bearers were Louie Schwiesow, Larry Farley, Don Pedersen, Lanny Rutherford, Jim Heller and Melvin Bandow.

Military rites were held by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3517 and American Legion Post 22.