

## Verner Arnvig, 82

*Aug. 29, 1922 - Sept. 6, 2004*

**HARLAN** – Verner Lee Arnvig, the son of Svend and Sophia (Andersen) Arnvig, was born Aug. 29, 1922, at Kimballton. He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. Verner attended country school at Audubon and Kimballton. After school, he worked as a truck driver and a farm hand for a local farmer. Dec. 8, 1942, Verner was inducted into the United States Army at Camp Dodge. He served overseas at the Philippines and was awarded an American Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal with one bronze star, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and a Meritorious Service Unit 1 plaque. He was honorably discharged Jan. 8, 1946, at Fort Logan, CO.



Oct. 9, 1946, Verner married Norma Madson at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, in a double wedding ceremony with Nick and Irma White. Two daughters were born to this union, Judy and Carol. After their marriage, Verner and Norma farmed two miles north of Jacksonville. Due to his health, Verner retired from farming in 1970. After retiring, he worked for Super Valu in Harlan, and later with his son-in-law and grandchildren at Ahrenholtz Construction. He was a member of the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville. He died Sept. 6, 2004, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 82 years and eight days.

Verner was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Norma of Harlan; his daughters, Judy (Steve "Barney") Ahrenholtz of Harlan; Carol (Nicolas) Flaten of Treynor; five grandchildren, Nathan Ahrenholtz (Angie); Stephanie (Shane) Neuharth; Kyle Ahrenholtz; John Flaten; and Katie Flaten; three great-grandchildren, Robbie Wegner and Austin and Alexa Ahrenholtz; his sister, Ruby Lensch of St. Simonds Island, GA; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9, 2004, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville, with Rev. Ron Rasmussen officiating. Military rites were conducted in the Jacksonville Cemetery by the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 and the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941. Honorary casket bearers were Nathan and Angie Ahrenholtz, Stephanie and Shane Neuharth, Kyle Ahrenholtz, John Flaten and Katie Flaten. Casket bearers were Trent Doonan, Jerry Chamberlain, Troy Doonan, John White, Arlan Christensen and Ron Doonan. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.