

## LaVerne J. Balk, 64

Nov. 24, 1931 - March 26, 1996

**MANNING** - LaVerne J. Balk, son of Clem and Florence Wiskus Balk, was born Nov. 24, 1931 at Willey. He attended school at Willey and Gray. He served with the United States Army from 1953 until 1955. As a young man he worked for the F.D. Ross Ford Garage in Manning. Later he worked for the Iowa State Department of Transportation out of Neola. He retired in the late 1980's. He was a member of St. Patrick's Parish in Neola and of Sacred Heart Parish in Manning. He was a life member of the Knights of Columbus in Templeton. He also held membership in the Manning American Legion. He died unexpectedly at his home in Manning March 26, 1996 at age 64 years, four months and two days.

He was preceded in death by his father, Clem Balk; by a nephew, Lynn Brincks; by a great nephew, Ryan Sloth, and by a great niece, Heather Koenig. Survivors include his mother, Florence Balk of Carroll; the following brothers and sisters, Thelma (Harry) Grimsman of Carroll; Louise (Dale) Sloth of Audubon; Marlene (Melvin) Brincks of Carroll; LeRoy Balk (Judy) of Templeton; Dorene (Larry) Gute of Carroll; Raymond Balk (Faye) of Odessa, MO; Gary Balk and his daughter, Kimberly of Templeton and Terry Balk (Nancy) of Co. Bluffs, as well as nieces, nephews and other relatives.

The Rite of Christian Burial was held March 29, 1996 at the Sacred Heart Church, Manning with Rev. Father Ralph Reinhart officiating. Burial was in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Templeton. Military honors were by Emil Ewoldt Post 22 of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3517, Manning. Casket bearers were Rick Sloth, Randy Balk, Tim Balk, Alan Brincks, Doug Gute and Mike Balk. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.