

## Harold Kenneth Baker, 82

Dec. 20, 1915 - July 30, 1998

**MANNING** - Harold Kenneth, son of John Effram and Etta Mae Ten Eyck Baker, was born Dec. 20, 1915, near Dunlap, in Harrison County. He grew up in Dunlap where he attended high school. After completing his schooling, he worked as a carpenter and painter.

March 28, 1940, he married Ruth Mildred Best in Dunlap. He worked as a meat cutter in Dunlap and then worked in Omaha in a packing house. In March of 1944, he was drafted into the United States Army and served his country in Germany and France during World War II. After receiving his honorable discharge in October of 1945, he worked as a meat cutter in Walnut, Harlan and Ashland, NE. In 1967, his brother, Walter, asked him to come to Manning to work as the meat cutter at his grocery store, Manning Food. After working with his brother for ten years, he retired and then worked part-time. Mildred died in 1978. In 1991 he moved to Omaha, where he lived until June of 1998. He was a member of the United Methodist Church and the American Legion. Due to failing health, he became a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn, a short time before his death there July 30, 1998, at age 82 years, seven months and 10 days.

Besides his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Richard Kenneth; four brothers, George Baker, Leo Baker, Everette Baker and Walter Baker, and two sisters, Ella Burr and Mable Stevens. He is survived by four daughters, Marilyn (LaVerne) Nelson of Elk Horn; Joanne (Gary) Parker of Columbus, NE; Beverly (Larry) Mundt of Ft. Worth, TX; Susan Green of Norfolk, NE; three sons, Charles Baker (Melody) of St. Louis, MO; Russell Baker (Barb) of LaVista, NE; Randy Baker (Kathy) of LeGrand; 19 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 3, 1998, at the United Methodist Church, Manning, with Rev. Larry McAlpine officiating. Burial was in Dow City Cemetery. Casket bearers were Cheri Mahoney, Nancy Nelson, Jason Parker, Chris Baker, Kelly Mundt, Nick Green, Leland Nelson, Jenny Marti, Rodney Parker, Katie Baker, Nathen Baker, Dustin Green, Kelsey Green, Paul Nelson, Jeff Baker, Theresa Baker, David Baker, Jake Mundt and Robert Baker.