

## **Ronald Baxter, Sr., 74**

*June 30, 1925 - Dec. 14, 1999*

**AVOCA** - Ronald Robert Baxter, Sr. was born June 30, 1925, in Mondamin, son of Joseph A. and Irene Hotesshell Baxter. He attended school until the eighth grade.

He married Elaine Cornelius Nov. 2, 1946, in Hiawatha, KS. They were the parents of 17 children. He was a jack of all trades and worked at many jobs. He worked in construction, at a lumber yard and also mowed the Walnut Hill Cemetery in Co. Bluffs, for many years. He and the family had lived in many communities in Iowa including Dunlap, Missouri Valley, Co. Bluffs, Ottumwa and finally at their present home in Avoca. He died Dec. 14, 1999, at Salem Lutheran Home at age 74 years, five months and 14 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four children, Kenneth, Linda, David and Jimmy; and two brothers, Jerry and Donald. He is survived by his wife, Elaine of Avoca; their children, Ronald Jr. (Lori) of Ottumwa; Mike (Linda) of Co. Bluffs; Bonnie (Earl) Gale of Neola; Mary (Jerry) Watts of Co. Bluffs; Rick (Marian) of Co. Bluffs; Roy (Lela) of New Market; Larry of Ottumwa; Ila (Larry) Briggs of Harlan; Terry (Teresa) of Omaha, NE; Roxanne (Bill) Bothwell of Co. Bluffs; June (Mike) Christensen of Harlan; Teena Baxter and Lloyd Wilson of Co. Bluffs and Timmy of Red Oak; 40 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren; two sisters, Shirley Nelsen of Co. Bluffs and Darlene Carbaugh of Little Sioux; a half sister, Ruth Medford of Co. Bluffs; a brother, Everett of Missouri Valley; and two half brothers, Keith Kline of Co. Bluffs and Curtis Kline (Connie) of Dunlap; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 17, 1999, at the Knutson Funeral Home with Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Agency Cemetery, Agency. Honorary casket bearers were Ronald Baxter, Jr., Roy Baxter, Terry Baxter, Mike Baxter, Sr., Larry Baxter, Rick Baxter and Tim Baxter. Casket bearers were Mike Baxter, Jr., Bob Gale, Brian Baxter, Bill Gale, Kenny Baxter and Joey Baxter.