

Delbert Eggerss, 73

Oct. 2, 1926 - June 11, 2000

AVOCA - Delbert William Eggerss was born Oct. 2, 1926, son of John and Amanda Maassen Eggerss and was one of four children in the family. Delbert graduated from the Avoca High School May 18, 1944. He enlisted in the Army July 13, 1945, and was stationed in Fort Benning, GA. He attained the rank of Corporal in the Military Police. He was honorably discharged Dec. 6, 1946.

He married Mary Louise Simons Oct. 31, 1946, in Phoenix City, AL. They were the parents of two children, Wilma and Delbert, Jr. They lived their entire married lives in Avoca. He worked for Herrick Hatchery from 1949 to 1963. He then worked for the street department for the City of Avoca until his retirement in 1989. He was a member of the Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department for 30 years. He died June 11, 2000, following a long battle with cancer, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center; where he had been a resident since April at age 73 years, eight months and nine days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Everett and Wilbert Eggerss. He is survived by his wife, Louise; his daughter, Wilma of Harlan; a son, Delbert Jr. (Diana) of Avoca; four grandchildren, Aaron, Ryan and Rachel Eggerss, all of Avoca and Jeanette Jennum of Red Oak; one sister, Maxine (Gaylord) Heilesen of Kirkman; and two sisters-in-law, Rose Eggerss of Harlan and Vernie Eggerss of Atlantic; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 14, 2000, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor John Rinde and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Gene Butcher, Farrell Zimmerman, Charlie Ronnfeldt, John Butcher, Floyd Rhodes and Pete Bramman. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.