

## Claude Green, 78

**SPENCER** – Claude Alvin Green, son of Emery & Dora Gries Green, was born on a farm near Tennant, April 14, 1911. He attended schools in Shelby County and the Anderson Diesel School of Los Angeles. He farmed until his marriage to Modesta Leinen on Jan. 25, 1937. He was a diesel mechanic and shop foreman for Shelby County in Harlan prior to his enlistment in the U.S. Navy Seabees in 1942. He was honorably discharged in 1945, as a Chief Shipfitter, having seen active duty on the Solomon & Phillipine Islands, for which he received five bronze stars, ribbons and medals. He resumed his occupation at the Shelby County Maintenance Shop until he joined the Herman M. Brown Co. of Des Moines as a field serviceman in 1946. He was transferred to Spencer in 1954 and continued with this company until a forced health retirement in July, 1972. He died at the Marion Health Center in Sioux City on Dec. 21, 1989.

His parents, two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death. He leaves his wife, Modesta; a daughter, Karen Auchampach of Ventura; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters, Mrs Ralph McLaughlin of Shelby; Mrs Walter Escher of Harlan; nephews and nieces and many relatives. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Harlan VFW Post, the American Legion of Milford, the Navy Seabee Veterans of America and the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation of which he was a "plank owner", and the Eagles Lodge of Spencer.

Services were held Dec. 23, 1989 in Spencer Sacred Catholic Church with burial in that city cemetery. Casketbearers were Robert McLaughlin, Marlin Foote, Harvey Beams, Vernon Gubbels, Mike Skonhovd and Gene Cries. Arrangements by Warner Funeral Home of Spencer.