

Carl W. Gustafsen, 67

AVOCA - Carl Wilson Gustafsen was born May 14, 1920 at Avoca. He was the son of Carl and Maren Andersen Gustafsen. He was one of twelve children in the family. He attended county school in Knox Twp. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

He joined the U.S. Navy in Oct. 1941. After basic training he served as a machinist mate aboard the U.S. S. Colorado in the Pacific battle area for the duration of the war. After his discharge from the service, he worked and farmed in the Avoca, Co. Bluffs area. He passed away at Jennie Edmundson Memorial Hospital in Co. Bluffs after a long illness, at age 67 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Daniel, Chris and Fred; six sisters: Mrs Esther Nelsen, Mrs Anna Sarvis, Mrs Lena Wiese, Mrs Emma Sorensen, Mrs Sarah Jacobsen and Mrs Christina Christensen. He is survived by his son Carl, Jr., daughter Anna Maren; three step-sons, Randy, Floyd and Wayne; four step-daughters, Donna, Janet, Judy, Barbara and several step-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs Lilly Burgin of Co. Bluffs and Mrs Leonard (Elva) Peters of Avoca; one sister-in-law, Mrs Thelma Gustafsen of Porterville, CA; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held at Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca Feb. 23, 1988 with Pastor Harold Peterson officiating. Burial was in Graceland cemetery, Avoca with American Legion Post # 227 conducting graveside services.