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Ray Gersema, 72

AVOCA - Ray Allen Gersema was born in Black Hawk County. He served his country in the United States Navy from 1947 - 1956. He had lived in Hampton and for the past 30 years he had lived in Avoca. He was a truck driver last working for VT Industries. He retired in 1991. He was a member of the Avoca American Legion Post #227. He died July 24, 2002, at the Alegent Health Mercy Medical Center in Council Bluffs, at age 72.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 13 years, Ruth Hansen Gersema, in 1968. He is survived by his daughters, Sandra Gersema of Atlantic and Michelle Gersema of Texas; three grandsons and his friend, De Gustafson of Avoca, and other relatives.

Military graveside rites were held at the Graceland Cemetery by the Avoca American Legion Post #227. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.
