

Jimmy Jensen, 64

April 5, 1940 - Dec. 24, 2004

MINDEN — Jimmy Jay Jensen, son of Ernest and Berdine (Halm) Jensen, was born April 5, 1940, in Council Bluffs. He was baptized and confirmed at the Minden United Church of Christ and attended school in Minden where he graduated with the class of 1958. After high school, he attended college at Northwest Missouri State in Maryville, MO.

June 17, 1961, Jim married Joyce Arentsen in Minden and together they raised two children, Jarel and Jayleen. In 1963, he entered the United States Air Force where he served his country stateside during the Vietnam War until receiving his honorable discharge in 1967. He returned home to Minden and worked at the family businesses, The Minden Lumber Company and Jensen Construction, from 1967 to 1985. He later worked at various lumber and warehouse companies as a manager until he retired in 2002. He was a lifetime member of the Minden United Church of Christ. He died at his home in Minden, Dec. 24, 2004, at age 64 years, eight months and 19 days.

Jim was preceded in death by his mother, Berdine. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Jensen of Minden; his children, Jarel Jensen (Shari) of Omaha, NE and Jayleen Jensen and her fiancé, Sam Casano of Phoenix, AZ; his father, Ernest Jensen of Earling and his mother-in-law, Maxine Arentsen of Shelby; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27, 2004, at the Minden United Church of Christ, Minden, with Pastor Denny Peterson officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery with military graveside rites by the American Legion Post #437 of Minden. Casket bearers were Lynn Olsen, Bill Obermeyer, Wade Anderson, Richard "Dick" Jensen, Wayne Sievers and Larry Ehlers. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, in charge of arrangements.