

Jimmy "Jim" Kardell, 70

July 22, 1934 - Aug. 17, 2004

AVOCA — Jimmy "Jim" Dean Kardell was born on the John Simon farm south of Minden in York Township July 22, 1934. His parents were Otto H. and Laura Boeck Kardell. He was one of seven children. Jim attended country school in the Newton School one mile south of Avoca and at Clay No. 8 near Marnie. He attended high school in Atlantic and Elk Horn, graduating from Elk Horn High School in 1953.

Jim and Bonnie Krummel were married June 10, 1956. Jim served his country in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958, being stationed at Fort Chaffe, AR. In 1958, they started farming west of Hancock. They were blessed with four children, Cindy, Kathy, Dale and Doug. They lived on farms near Shelby and Hancock until purchasing their own farm south of Avoca in 1972. They moved to their present home in Avoca in 1996. He restored antique John Deere tractors and drove them in various parades. Jim and Bonnie are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. He was a longtime 4-H member and leader. He was an active member of the American Legion and recently worked hard on the Committee For Kids in the AHST School District. He died Aug. 17, 2004, at Creighton Medical Center in Omaha, at age 70 years and 26 days.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Clarence; infant sister, Evelyn and grandson, Daniel Henning. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Bonnie; two daughter, Cindy (Larry) Henning of Springfield, NE and Kathy (Perry) Vorthmann of Treynor; two sons, Dale Kardell (Teresa) of Avoca and Doug Kardell (Sheryl) of Grimes; 12 grandchildren, Sarah, Lee and Logan Henning; Nicole, Kristyn, Patrick and Preston Vorthmann; Derek, Erika and Courtney Kardell; and Kylie and Dalton Kardell; two brothers, Robert Kardell (Darlene) of Omaha, NE and David Kardell (Joyce) of Hancock; two sisters, Luetta (Harold) Petersen of Council Bluffs; and Betty Aldrich of Jefferson; a sister-in-law, Violet Kardell of Atlantic; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 20, 2004, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Rev. Bernard Daiker officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery with military graveside services conducted by the Avoca American Legion Post No. 227. Casket bearers were Dan Nelsen, Chris Lang, Sheldon Kardell, Jimmy Dean Petersen, Martin Aldrich, Mark Kardell, Dennis Krummel and Mike Krummel. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.