

Norman K. Oehlertz, 66

AVOCA – Norman Kenneth Oehlertz was born in Avoca Feb. 4, 1922, the son of Rudolph and Ella Peters Oehlertz. He was one of four children in the family. He attended school in Avoca and served in the Army during WW II.

He married Donna Jean Poch, Jan. 12, 1946 at Atlantic. They were the parents of three children. He worked for 21 years for the Avoca Creamery and then worked for 18 years for the Iowa Highway Commission. The last years, before his retirement in 1985, he was the Foreman of the Avoca Division. Donna died Dec. 12, 1986. He married Wilma Stevens Aug. 19, 1988. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca as well as the Fred Funston American Legion Post #227 of Avoca. He died suddenly at his home in Avoca Dec. 29, 1988 at age 66.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Donna Jean. He is survived by his wife, Wilma of Avoca; one son, Don of Omaha, NE; two daughters, Janetta (Mrs Charles) Johnson of Omaha; and Cindy (Mrs Michael) Jackson also of Omaha; Wilma's three children, Robert Stevens of Co. Bluffs; Barbara (Mrs Walter) Sampson of Walnut and Dennis Stevens of Denver, CO; 11 grandchildren; three sisters, Dorothea (Mrs Robert) Paulsen of Avoca; Betty (Mrs Eugene) Foote of Avoca and Ramona (Mrs Jack) Shiflett of Afton, besides, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 2, 1989 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca with Pastor Stan Nielsen officiating. Burial was in Graceland cemetery, Avoca with honorary bearers Robert Jensen, Vernon Nielsen, Herbert Stearns and Ivan Holtz. Casket bearers Robert Stevens, Norman Woltmann, Richard Petersen, Randy Williams, Herchel Wilbur and Walter Sampson. Military graveside services by American Legion Post #227. Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.