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Russell Palmer, 81 Aug. 3, 1909 – July 15, 1991

KIMBALLTON – Russell Palmer was born Aug. 3, 1909 in Clarion. His parents were Clyde and Cora Palmer. He was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist faith and was presently a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton. He served in the U.S. Army during W.W. II from July of 1942 until Nov. of 1945 when he was honorably discharged. He entered at Jefferson Barracks, MO., and was discharged at Fort MacArthur, CA. He received the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Good Conduct and Victory Medals. He was assigned to the North African Service Command Headquarters as a cook for officers in Casablanca, North Africa, where he served for 34 months.

He married Denise Armor from France April 22, 1944. She died Jan. 25, 1985. He worked four years for J.I. Case Co., and 19 years for Alexander Super Market Stores in CA. He has lived in CA., for 30 years. He retired in 1974. He was a part member of the Moose Lodge. He came to Kimballton in May of 1989 where he bought a home. He died July 15, 1991 in the Cass County Hospital in Atlantic.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; one sister and his wife of 40 years, Denise. Surviving him are two sisters, Irene (Mrs Roland) Evans of Waverly, and Eldora (Mrs Clifford) Mooney of Kimballton, who cared for him at his home in Kimballton; numerous nieces and nephews; and a life-time friend, Doris Batterson of Elk Horn, whom he cared for as he was able at his place of residence.

Funeral services were held July 18, 1991 in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton with Pastor Stephen Gronseth, officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran cemetery, Kimballton. Casketbearers were LaVern Hansen, Alvin Johnson, Mark Petersen and Don Madsen.