

## Roger Parker - 79

Nov. 19, 1928 - Nov. 30, 2007

**ELK HORN** - Roger Gray, son of Lloyd S. and Alma (Gray) Parker, was born Nov. 19, 1928, at Oakland. He moved with his family to a farm southwest of Elk Horn when he was six years old. Roger graduated from Elk Horn High School in 1947 and entered the United States Army in 1951. He served as a clerk/typist in Korea during the Korean Conflict. Following his honorable discharge in 1953, he returned to Iowa and worked as a carpenter.

Feb. 8, 1958, Roger married Jo Ann Ferrarello at Plattsmouth, NE. They lived in Council Bluffs, where he worked as a carpenter with Thornton Construction in Omaha. In 1961 Roger and Jo Ann moved back to the family farm southwest of Elk Horn. Three children were born to this union. In addition to his farming, Roger continued to do carpentry work. He retired in 1992 and he and Jo Ann remained on the farm. He was a lifetime member of Monroe Methodist Church where he was active in all aspects of his church. He was a member of American Legion Post 322 in Elk Horn. After a year long battle with cancer, he died at his home southwest of Elk Horn surrounded by his loving family late Nov. 30, 2007, at age 79 years and 11 days.



Preceding Roger in death are his parents; sister Lorna Kinney and brother-in-law Dale Doonan. He is survived by his wife Jo Ann Parker of Elk Horn; three children: Roxanne (Tony) Petersen of Kimballton; Roger Parker Jr. (Lisa) of Elk Horn; and Doug Parker (Pamela) of Elk Horn; nine grandchildren: Mindy (Andy) Cathcart; Christopher Petersen (Jessica); Nickolas Petersen; Michael Parker; Ryan Parker; Dylan Parker; Sydney Parker; Mallory Parker; and Nolan Parker; two sisters Bernita Doonan of Harlan and Phyllis (George) Marshall of Council Bluffs; brother Lloyd Wray Parker (Pat) of Estes Park, CO; brother-in-law Lester Kinney of Council Bluffs and nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 4, 2007 at the United Methodist Church with Pastor David Swinton officiating. Burial was in the Monroe Methodist cemetery with Military Honors by the American Legion Post #322. Honorary casketbearers were Roger Andersen, Troy Petersen, Gordon Esbeck, Bob Lincoln, Willis Hansen, Charlie Andersen, Burton Esbeck, Gary Robertson, Dale Christensen, and Duane Small. Casketbearers were Mindy and Andy Cathcart, Christopher and Jessica Petersen, Nickolas Petersen, Ryan Parker, Dylan Parker, Mallory Parker, Michael Parker, Sydney Parker, and Nolan Parker. Ohde Funeral Home in Kimballton in charge of arrangements.