

## Edward Pattee, 83 ✓

*Dec. 26, 1922 - March 19, 2006*

**AVOCA** — Edward Henry Pattee was born in rural Potawattamie County to William J. and Alma W. Rock Pattee Dec. 26, 1922. "Shorty" grew up on the Rock ranch southeast of Hancock. He farmed with his parents and attended country school and then graduated from Hancock High School in 1940. He entered the Army in March of 1943 at Camp Forrest, TN. He spent one year overseas in France and Germany during World War II.

After he was discharged from the Army in 1946, Ed married Helen M. Sisterman in St. Paul, MN. Ed and Helen farmed in the Avoca area from 1946 to 1980. He was active in the community and had been a member of the Avoca American Legion for 60 years. In 1980, they built their home in Avoca. He worked for the Iowa Department of Transportation until his retirement in June of 1988. Then he worked part-time for Agriland FS and for his brothers and son on the farm. He died March 19, 2006, at his residence in Avoca at age 83 years, two months and 24 days.

Ed was preceded in death by his wife, Helen; his parents, William and Alma Pattee; and his brother, Lavern Pattee. He is survived by his sons and daughters, Thomas Pattee (Kathleen) of Avoca; Robert Pattee (Lynn) of Humboldt; Daniel Pattee (Bobette) of Frenchtown, MT; Nancy Pattee-McCuen of Omaha, NE; Mary (Terry) Bertacini of Oakland; and Julie (Todd) Karns of Oakland; his grandchildren, Angie, Bill, Andy and Michael Pattee; Jana Schmitz; Cassie Karns; Edward "Chris" Pattee; Jeremy Karns; Amy Bertacini; Kari Pattee; Matt and Ellie McCuen; Maggie Karns; Katherine and Michael Bertacini; eight great-grandchildren with two on the way; his sister and brothers, Arlene Davis of Hancock; William "Swede" Pattee (Norma) of Avoca; Wallace Pattee (Shirley) of Shelby; Donald Pattee (Carol) of Avoca and Lawrence Pattee (Lavina) of Big Lake, MN; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 22, 2006, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca, with Father John Frost celebrant. Honorary casket bearers were Kari Pattee, Ellen McCuen, Matthew McCuen, Katherine Bertacini, Michael Bertacini, Amy Bertacini, Jana Schmitz, Maggie Karns and William Pattee. Casket bearers were Michael Pattee, Jeremy Karns, Cassandra Karns, Edward C. Pattee, Andrew Pattee and Angie Pattee. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Fred Funston Post No. 227. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.

