

## Clarence Pope, 60

*July 6, 1940 – Feb. 24, 2001*

**AVOCA** – Clarence Allen "Punk" Pope was born July 6, 1940, in Avoca, son of Merle and Leona Mae Fish Pope, and was one of seven children in the family. He attended school in Avoca until the 10th grade. He served with the United States Navy.

Punk married Diane Boege July 11, 1964. They were the parents of four children, Kristy Lou, Patricia Lynne, Nicole Lynette and Neil Allen. Punk was employed by Hobe Bridge Construction in Sioux City, until returning to Avoca. He then drove truck for H.G. Nelson for 10 years. He also worked at Western Engineering in Harlan, for 12 years, and for the past 11 years at A.M. Cohron in Atlantic. He died Feb. 24, 2001, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 60 years, seven months and 18 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Edward, Bill and Amasa; and one sister, Shirley Madden. He is survived by his wife, Diane of Avoca; four children, Kristy (Allen) Barr of Minot, ND; Patricia Pope of Avoca; Nicole (Keith) Assmann of Bellevue, NE and Neil Pope of Avoca; one grandson, Allan Assmann; one sister, Alice Schueman; and one brother, Claude "Tuffy" Pope (Karen), all living in Avoca; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 28, 2001, at the United Church of Avoca with Orris Drake officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Fred Funston Post #227 officiating. Casket bearers were Neil Pope, Keith Assmann, Chuck Madden, Patricia Pope, Allen Barr and David Pope. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.