

Donald Taylor, 83

Oct. 28, 1919 - Nov. 29, 2002

AVOCA – Donald F. Taylor was born Oct. 28, 1919, in Henderson, son of Charles and Mattie Duncan Taylor, and was one of eight children in the family. He enlisted in the United States Army in April 1942, and served until October 1945, and attained the rank of Private First Class at the time of his discharge.

He married Janice Gress Nov. 20, 1945, in Hiawatha, KS. They were the parents of four children, Dennis, Janee, Margery and Jan. After farming in the Hancock area for 20 years, they made their home in Avoca, where Don then went to work for the Department of Transportation for the State of Iowa, retiring in 1985. He was a member of the Avoca American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Don died Nov. 29, 2002, at Salem Lutheran Home at age 83 years, one month and one day.

His parents and six brothers and sisters preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Janice; his children, Dennis (Diana) Taylor, Janee (Jim) Schueman; Margery (Greg) Petersen, all living in Avoca, and Jan (Mark) Paulsen of Elk Horn; one sister, Lauraine Straight of Tennessee; 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 2, 2002, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery with military graveside rites performed by the Fred Funston American Legion Post #227. Honorary casket bearers were Gwen Barr, Paige Paulsen, Janeen Schueman, Shaleen Wilson and Kyanna Petersen. Casket bearers were Keith Schueman, Jeff Taylor, Blair Paulsen, Matt Schueman, Joss Petersen and Heath Paulsen.