



## **Robert L. Dague, 60**

**Nov. 10, 1935 - July 20, 1996**

**HARLAN** - Robert LeRoy Dague, son of Harry Elmer and Mabel Luella Engen Dague, was born Nov. 10, 1935 at Little Sioux. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Church in Mapleton. He attended school in Little Sioux and Missouri Valley and later attended the University of Omaha. He worked two years at Franklin Truck Stop before entering the U.S. Navy in 1953. He attended boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Base, Great Lakes, IL and served aboard the U.S.S. Hornet. His father had also served aboard the USS Hornet in World War II. During the Korean Conflict he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the China Service Medal and Navy Occupation Service Medal and received his honorable discharge Feb. 23, 1955. He worked for the State of Iowa with a surveying team on Highway 30 and then went with a surveying team to Thule, Greenland.

Feb. 18, 1956, he married Sharon Irene Smith. To this union three children were born, Randy, Lynda and a son, Ricky, who died as an infant. He was employed by the Illinois Railroad for 7 years, Meadowgold Dairy, State Farm Insurance in Missouri Valley and sold cars in the Omaha and Co. Bluffs metro area for 18 years.

In 1983 he married Charlotte Ann Mathers Keeffe. They moved to Harlan in 1988 and purchased the Shelby County Bowl in Harlan which they have continued to operate. He died at his home near Harlan July 20, 1996 at age 60 years, eight months and 11 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his infant son, Ricky. Surviving are wife, Charlotte of Harlan; son, Randy Dague (Cindy) of San Bernadino, CA; his daughter, Lynda Ross of Co. Bluffs, and her fiancé, Earl Clark; his stepson, Jim Keeffe of Omaha; stepdaughters, Jody (Dr. Eric) Fraser of Santa Rosa, CA and Debra (Mike) Bigelow of Omaha, NE; nine grandchildren; sister, Dorothy John of Mo. Valley, and a brother, Dr. Richard Dague (Alice) of Ames and other relatives. He was particularly close to his aunt and uncle, Irene and Augustus (Doug) Hanson of Little Sioux.

Funeral services were held July 24, 1996 at First United Methodist Church in Harlan with Rev. Paul Wilcox officiating and Chaplain Ron Green assisting. Burial was in the Little Sioux Cemetery in Little Sioux with Leon Ross, Harold "Red" Marshall, Tom Beezley, Darwin Gessert, Willis Myrtue and Wendall Knauss casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.