

## Kenneth Gene Dales, 63 ✓

November 30, 1931-May 16, 1995

**Manning-** Kenneth Gene, son of Kenneth E. and Minnie Johnson Dales, was born Nov. 30, 1931 at Redline. The family moved to Manning when he was a boy; he attended Manning schools and was graduated from Manning High School in 1950.

April 13, 1950 he married Dorothy Reiling. One son, Harvey, was born to this union. They farmed in the Botna and Manning area for seven years. In 1957 he began long distance trucking which he continued for 20 years. It was during this time that he learned many of his repair skills. He then had a local business with his son for 15 years. He had been in failing health since 1979 but remained active until the time of his last hospitalization His health worsened in the last six months and he was taken to Manning General Hospital May 15 where he died May 16, 1995 at age 63 years, 5 months and 16 days.

He was a member of the Iowa Blacksmith & Welders Association where he served as a director, vice president, and president. In addition, he was a director and in 1994 became president of the National Blacksmith & Welders Association. In earlier years he was a judge for the 4-H and FFA at county and state fairs and recently judged for fair gadget shows. He was a charter member and past president of the Manning Lions Club. He enjoyed helping with community affairs, such as the bloodmobile and glaucoma testing. He served two years as mayor of Manning and currently was on the city council. He was also a member of the Industrial Development Board and was an active member of Sacred Heart Parish in Manning.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Gary Lee. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, of Manning; his son, Harvey Dales (Kathy), of Manning; two grandsons, his mother, Minnie Dales of Manning; two sisters: Mary Jane Johnston of Cottonwood, AZ and Nancy (Kenny) Baum of Sardinia, OH; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 18, 1995 at the Sacred Heart Church, Manning with Reverend Father Ralph Reinhart officiating. Burial was in the Manning City cemetery. Casket bearers were Dennis Wurr, Gary Knueven, Ron Morlok, Gerald Westhoff, Lynn Stein and Vic Schwiesow. Ohde Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.