

Clifford DeSchamp, 76

Nov. 29, 1930 - May 9, 2007

AVOCA — Clifford Ray DeSchamp was born in Corydon, IN, Nov. 29, 1930, to JOHN and Wilda Fern (Trobaugh) DeSchamp. He was one of four children in the family. At the age of 16, Cliff came to Iowa to live with Otho and Ethel Trobaugh, his aunt and uncle. He worked on the farm for Orvie Fischer of Avoca. He enlisted in the Navy in 1951 and served during the Korean War on the U.S.S. Henrico. He was discharged from the Navy in 1954 and returned to Avoca, where he once again worked for Orvie. Orvie and his wife, Alta, their children, Sandra, Cheryl, Cindy and Orvetta became Cliff's Iowa family and were always very special to him.

In 1955, Cliff married Marilyn Paulsen, to which three children were born, Clifford, Jr., Collette and Darla. He worked at various jobs including having a milk route for the Avoca Creamery and driving truck for Henry Nelson, Ring Transfer and Schueman Trucking. He also had his own excavation business, retiring in 1990. Cliff then drove truck locally for firms in the area. He was involved in various organizations throughout his life. He was a member of the Avoca Volunteer Fire Department, a Boy Scout Leader, Fairboard Member, served as a member of the Avoca City Council, was a baseball coach for a Legion sponsored team and was an active member of the Avoca and Hancock American Legions. He died May 9, 2007, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center at age 76 years, five months and 10 days.

Cliff is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Claude, and a sister, Margie Cillian. He is survived by his children, Cliff DeSchamp, Jr. of Avoca; Collette Guyer (Roy) of Hancock; Darla Ehlers (Todd) of Walnut; six grandchildren, Brent DeSchamp; Joshua Guyer; Alexander, Megan, Sarah and Benjamin Ehlers; one brother, Carlton DeSchamp (Marcella) of Avoca and other relatives.

Graveside services were held May 11, 2007, at the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca, with Pastor Dennis Reich officiating. Military rites were performed by the Fred Funston American Legion Post No. 227 of Avoca and American Legion Post No. 720 of Hancock. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.