

## Merle Hartvigsen, 62

**Kimballton** - Merle Hartvigsen was born Aug. 11, 1925 in Audubon county. His parents were Vidrick and Mary (Knutsen) Hartvigsen. He was baptized and confirmed in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton and was currently a member there.

He was in the U.S. Armed Forces during WW II. He was married to Elna Albertsen on Nov. 28, 1947. They farmed in various places in Audubon, Shelby and Cass counties. In 1953, they moved to Kimballton. He was a member of the American Legion Post #50 at Brayton. He died March 15, 1988 in the Veteran's Hospital in Omaha, after having been ill for sometime at age 62 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Vogel and one sister, Altha. He is survived by his wife, Elna of Kimballton; two daughters, Vickie (Mrs Jim) Brannan of Hamlin; and Linda (Mrs Steve) Best of Brayton; a brother, George Hartvigsen of Kimballton; an uncle, Hartvig Hartvigsen of Harlan; a sister-in-law, Virginia (Mrs Voge) Hartvigsen of Exira and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were March 18, 1988 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kimballton with Pastor Stephen Gronseth officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran cemetery in Kimballton with Kjer Christensen, Otis Madsen, Virgil Jensen, Burdette Christensen, Delbert Rasmussen, Melvin Lange serving as casket bearers. Kaltoft Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.