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Marvin Melvin Holtz, 77

May 6, 1919 - July 7, 1996

ATLANTIC - Marvin Melvin Holtz was born northeast of Avoca May 6, 1919. He was the son of Ernest and Bertha Jacobsen Holtz and was one of eleven children in the family. He was baptized in the Lutheran Church Sept. 28, 1919. He attended school in Avoca completing the 8th grade. He farmed with his brother, Ivan, for a number of years. He was in the Army Air Corps from May of 1942 until Dec. of 1945. Following his service duties, he returned to farming.

He married Helen Stinn Bigelow April 2, 1957 in Atlantic. They farmed until Jan. of 1964 and then moved to Atlantic. He worked at the Avoca Alfalfa Mill and was a dock worker for Challenge Feed Company of Atlantic for 20 years. He was confirmed in the Lutheran Church April 14, 1945 and also helped with the construction of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. He died July 7, 1996 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs at age 77 years, two months and one day.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers, Edwin, LaVerne, Mervin, Donald, Robert and Ivan, and two sisters, Ethel Nicolai and Alice Holtz. He is survived by his wife, Helen of Atlantic; his stepchildren, Nancy Barnett and Robert Bigelow of Broken Arrow, OK and Darrell Bigelow (Sherri) of Skiatook, OK; a grandson; two sisters, Darlene Graner of Manning and Verlene Andersen of Atlantic; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 10, 1996 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca with Pastor Paul Bengston and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating with military graveside rites by the Avoca American Legion Post #227. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery, Avoca. Casket bearers were Bruce Holtz, Darwin Holtz, Dennis Holtz, Gary Graner, Paul Stinn and David Anderson. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.