

## Franklin Norman Lange, 73 ✓

July 3, 1923 - April 5, 1997

**KNOXVILLE, TN** - Franklin Norman Lange was born July 3, 1923, to Peter and Dagmar Mortensen Lange in rural Kimballton. He was baptized and confirmed at the Bethany Lutheran Church near Kimballton.

June 1, 1948 he married Shirley Mathiasen. To this union three sons were born: Dennis, Randall and Richard. He had served in the Navy during WW II in the Pacific Theatre. He was a rural mail carrier with the Postal Service for 34 years and was a past officer of the Iowa Rural Letter Carriers Association and a member of the National Letter Carriers Association. For the last 14 years he was employed by his sons at Lange Animal Hospital in West Knoxville. He died April 5, 1997, at Fort Sanders Park West Hospital in Knoxville, TN at age 73.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Shirley Mathiasen Lange; sons, Dennis Lange (Gwen); Randall Lange (Christy) all of Knoxville, TN and Richard Lange (Frances) of Lenoir City, TN; grandchildren, Chad, Justin, Jessica, Megan and Rikki; sisters, Mildred Weddum of Atlantic; Elsie Bro (Arnold) and Darlene Hansen (Derward) of Exira; Edna Jensen (Ed) and Irma Madsen of Kimballton; Myrtle Juelsgaard (Dale) and Dorothy Hansen of Elk Horn; brother, Kenneth Lange (Liz) of Des Moines; sister-in-law, Erma Lange of Atlantic; mother-in-law, Carrie Mathiasen of Elk Horn; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Kent and Lela Mae Rasmussen, Galen and Eileen Sornson and Arnie and Vicki Leistad; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 12, 1997, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Kimballton, with the Rev. Jean Morse officiating. Burial was in the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Kimballton, with military graveside rites by the Harry Albertsen Armvets Post No. 51. Steen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.