

Dean F. McMaster, 66

HANCOCK - Dean Francis McMaster was born at Hancock on May 17, 1921. He was the son of James and Edith Griffith McMaster. He was one of five children in the family. He attended school at Hancock and graduated with the class of 1938. He worked at various jobs before entering the service during WW II. He served on an LST in the South Pacific for 3 1/2 years during the war.

He married Lorene Berge on Nov. 2, 1946 at Onawa. They made their home in Hancock. In 1966, he went to work driving the tank wagon for Ebert Oil Co. in Hancock. He retired from the tank wagon in 1983 but continued to work at the gas station whenever needed. He drove a school bus for the AvoHa School for the past 14 years. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, Hancock Legion Post # 720 and the Barnett-King VFW Post # 5949 of Oakland. He died April 19, 1988 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs at age 66 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Fern Scheffler and one brother, Everett McMaster. He is survived by his wife, Lorene of Hancock; one brother, Kenneth McMaster of Atascadero, CA and one sister, Anita Grooms of Avoca; besides nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were April 23, 1988 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Pastor Harold Peterson officiating. Burial was in the Oakhill cemetery, Hancock with Ronnie Nielsen, Al Nielsen, Herman Andersen, Allan Petersen, Jeff Hansen and Fran Torrey as honorary bearers, serving as casket bearers were John Ebert, Phil Higgins, Sr., John Scheffler, Roger Reineke, Luke Claussen and Wylie King. Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.