

Eugene Matthiessen, 78

May 6, 1926 - June 18, 2004

OMAHA, NE – Eugene C. Matthiessen, the son of Charley and Veronica (Tracy) Matthiessen, was born May 6, 1926, near Walnut. Gene, otherwise known as "Fritz", attended school in Shelby through the eighth grade. Gene farmed before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1946. He was stationed at Ft. Belvoir, VA. After his discharge, he did carpentry work for Martin Construction in Walnut.

Gene married Lois Jacobsen May 8, 1954, at St. Michael's Church in Harlan. They lived in Omaha where he was employed at Armour, Western Electric, and retired from US West in 1988. In February, 1999, he became a resident of Hickory Villa. He was a member of St. Thomas More Church, Ralston American Legion and American Bowling Association and competed several times on Joe Patrick's TV bowling program. He died June 18, 2004, at Hickory Villa in Omaha, at age 78.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Teresa Martin. He is survived by his wife, Lois; daughter, Colleen; and her fiance, Steve Riha of Omaha; sisters, Dorothy Schechinger of Westphalia; Geraldine (Peters) McGinn of Council Bluffs; Rosemary Jacobsen of Omaha; mother-in-law, Antia Jacobsen of Avoca; brother-in-law, Carl Martin of Walnut; brother and sister-in-laws, Loren and Elaine Schroder of Minden; Don and Bernitta Goettsch of Council Bluffs; and nieces and nephews.

A Mass was celebrated June 22, 2004, at St. Thomas More Church in Omaha, with Rev. Tom Magnuson officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Omaha. Casket bearers were Kent Jacobsen, Patrick Martin, Mike McGinn, Gayle Schroder, Dennis Martin, Charlie McGinn and Monte Schechinger, Korisko-Larkin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

