

## Edward Meiners, 78

*March 8, 1925 - Dec. 8, 2003*

**MANILLA** – Edward Louis, son of Herman and Frances (Korwes) Meiners, was born March 27, 1925, at Dedham. When Eddie was 11 years old, the family moved to a farm east of Denison. He had attended rural school near Dedham and then graduated from eighth grade in Denison. He helped his father on the farm and also worked as a hired hand in the Westside area for several years. Eddie enlisted in the United States Army in 1946. After six months, he received a medical discharge and returned to Denison where he worked at the Earl May store. His parents had moved to Manilla in 1942 and it was there that Eddie met Elaine Foxhoven.

He married Elaine Dec. 28, 1948, at the Sacred Heart Church in Manilla. Four sons were born to this union. Eddie and Elaine farmed in the Manilla and Manning areas for most of their lives. He raised cattle and hogs. He retired and moved in to Manilla in 1987. After retiring, he kept in touch with the farmers in the area by going for parts for Leonard Kaufman's Repair. He was a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Manilla and was very active in the Holy Name Society. He also belonged to the American Legion Post 132. Dec. 8, 2003, Eddie was rushed to the Manning Healthcare Center in Manning, in respiratory arrest and died there that same day at age 78 years, eight months and 11 days.

Preceding Eddie in death were his parents; two sons, Bobby Meiners in 1971 as the result of a tractor accident, and Keith Meiners in 1974 as the result of a motorcycle accident; brothers, Joe Meiners and George Meiners and his wife, Tillie; and a brother, Henry Meiners and a sister in infancy. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Meiners of Manilla; two sons, Mark Meiners (Diane) of Lincoln, NE and Randy Meiners (Carla) of Pleasant Hill; four grandchildren, Christy (Mark) Puev; Julie (Josh) Sovereign; Ben Meiners and Kelsey Meiners; three great grandchildren, Olivia and Owen Sovereign and Alexis Puev; one brother, Herman Meiners (Irene) of Manilla; sister-in-law, Rose Meiners of Carroll; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 11, 2003, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manilla, with Rev. Robert Galapp, Rev. Lloyd White and Deacon Louis Meiners concelebrating. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Manilla, with graveside military honors by the American Legion Post 132. Honorary casket bearers were Alvin Bandow, Junior Carstens, Dick Swanson, Norbert Kasperbauer, Melvin Arnold, Joe Schiltz, Don Pedersen and Fred Blum. Casket bearers were Jeff Edwards, Kurt Johnson, Jody LaCanne, Randy Hadley, Kris Johnson and Nicholas Johnson. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.