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## **Albert Nielsen, 72**

**June 10, 1922-May 11, 1995**

**Avoca** - Albert Nielsen was born June 10, 1922 at Brayton. He was the son of Marius and Louise Nielsen Nielsen and was one of eight children in the family. He attended school in Exira and graduated in 1940. He served in the U.S. Army for three and a half years during World War II.

He married Pauline Anderson Jan. 22, 1949 at Hiawatha, KS and they were the parents of three children; Rebecca, Raymond and Roxanne. He was employed as a truck driver for the Iowa-Nebraska Freight line for a time and for Takin Brothers Trucking Company until his retirement in 1980. He also operated a home insulation business for over 25 years. The past 15 years he drove a school bus for the Avoca-Shelby-Tennant School. He was a member of the United Church of Avoca, V.F.W., American Legion and on the Board of Directors of the Avoca Housing Corporation. He was a past member of the Avoca City Council and the Avoca Rotary Club. He died at his home in Avoca May 11, 1995 at age 72 years, 11 months and 1 day.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Olga Hartkopf and a brother, Arnold Nielsen. He is survived by his wife, Pauline, his children; Rebecca (Darrell) Barrett of Shelby, Raymond Nielsen (Pam) of Avoca, and Roxanne Sievers and her fiancée Wade Nelson of Walnut, ten grandchildren, two brothers, Holger Nielsen of San Diego, CA and Andrew Nielsen of Sanford, FL, three sisters; Leona Akers and Lily Martin, both of Exira and Hilda Chester of Atlantic, his mother-in-law, Iva Anderson of Atlantic, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 15, 1995 at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Pastor Will Bynagte and Pastor Steven Gronseth officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery, Avoca. Casket bearers were Marvin Piittmann, Lowell Young, Jerry Mez, Claude Pope, Gerrit Feekes and Ernie Hogeland.