



Vernon Rex Nordby, 70

Sept. 1, 1924 - July 17, 1995

Manilla - Vernon, son of Reinhard and Lillian Larson Nordby, was born Sept. 1, 1924 near Manilla, in Shelby County. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. He attended rural schools near his home in Greeley Township. After his schooling he worked on the family farm for a short time before entering the United States Army in Dec. 1944. After basic training he served overseas for 14 months in Okinawa and Japan where he operated construction equipment. He received his honorable discharge in the fall of 1946.

On March 1, 1948 he married Rosalie Whited at Irwin. Five children, Randi, Terry, Ronald, Virginia, and Vanessa were born to this

union. He farmed, worked construction, and drove truck for a number of years. He then returned to farming and raising cattle southwest of Manilla where he lived with Alda Goetz and they raised their family, Jackie, Joan and Jean. He had been in failing health since the spring of 1995, however, he was able to remain in his home southwest of Manilla where he died July 17, 1995 at age 70 years, 10 months and 16 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Terry in 1974; a daughter, Jackie in 1985; a sister, Igleedts Hodne; a brother, Marvin Nordby; a brother-in-law, Merrill Axland; and a sister-in-law, Betty Nordby. Survivors include his wife, Alda Goetz of Manilla; children, Randi (Delles) Carter, Jr. of Defiance; Ronald Nordby (Rhonda) of Loveland; Virginia (Don) Francisco of Anderson, MO; Vanessa (Allan) Sorensen of Honey Creek; Joan Goetz of Manilla; and Jean Goetz of Manilla; 13 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; the following brothers and sisters: Garnet Axland of Irwin; Norma (JaVain) Mitten of Hamilton, MO; Milo Nordby (Deloris) of Kimballton; Robert Nordby of Omaha and Kay (Richard) Madsen of Lincoln, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 20, 1995 at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Irwin with Pastor Sidney Flack officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Manilla. Military honors by the American Legion Post 132, Manilla. Honorary casket bearers were Dale McCone, Leonard Freese, Sr., Doug Backhaus, Herman Meiners, Albert Ladehoff, and Don Gessman. Casket bearers were Richard Gross, Gary Hall, Albert Schwarte, Roger Ahrenholtz, Wayne Saunders, and Dale Holmes. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.