

**Melvin Newcomb, 76**

**AVOCA** -- Melvin E. Newcomb, 76, Avoca, died March 19 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs.

Services were held Thursday, March 23 at 10:30 a.m. at Knutson Funeral Chapel in Avoca with burial in the Graceland Cemetery at Avoca. Military graveside rites were given by Fred Funston American Legion Post #227.

Newcomb is survived by his son, Timothy of Avoca, and daughter-in-law, Sarah Newcomb, of Council Bluffs; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; three sisters -- Faye Willert of Spencer, Marge (Jack) Fairchild of Spencer and Betty (Irving) Carlson of Marathon; two brothers, Roy (Shirley) Newcomb Jr. of Spencer and Robert (Saundra) Newcomb of Greenville.