

## **H. Melvin Norman, 79**

**July 22, 1918 - Oct. 15, 1997**

**PORTSMOUTH** - H. Melvin Norman, 79, died Oct. 15, 1997, at his home near Portsmouth, after a long battle with cancer.

He was born July 22, 1918 in Crawfordsville, IN, and was the son of the late Charles Alfred Norman and Edith Sovern. He was baptized at the Christian Church in Crawfordsville. He moved with his family to Co. Bluffs in 1933. He graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in Co. Bluffs in 1937. He was involved with the ROTC while in high school. He then served in the U.S. Navy until the fall of 1941. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He served with the 8th Air Force based in Ridgewell, England. He was a Engineer Gunner on a B17. He was discharged in 1945.

May 20, 1945, he married Margaret Pollock in Atlantic. The couple lived near Logan until March of 1946, when they moved to the farm they currently live on near Portsmouth. He farmed, helped put an addition on the Woodbine school, worked security for the missile base out of Missouri Valley, then in 1966 began delivering films to the area schools in the Bellevue and Gretna area and then for AEA 13 delivering films to Southwest Iowa schools. He retired from that in 1983. He was a member of Christ Church in Harlan and was a member of the Portsmouth American Legion.

Surviving family members are his wife, Margaret Norman of Portsmouth; son, Kirk Norman of Ida Grove; two grandchildren, Kevin and Carolyn Norman; two brothers, Charles Norman, Jr. (Ruth) of Evansville, IN and Ralph Norman (Barbara) of Atlantic; one sister, Rosemary (Raymond) Becker of Atlantic; brother-in-law, Malcolm Pollock (Marval) of Atlantic, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Oct. 17, 1997, at the First Christian Church in Logan, with Rev. Rusty Hedger and Rev. Phil Prickett officiating. Burial was in the Logan Cemetery with military rites courtesy of the Portsmouth American Legion. Fouts Funeral Home in Woodbine in charge of arrangements.