

Lawrence Arnold Russmann, 65

Jan. 18, 1926 — Feb. 7, 1991

MANILLA - Lawrence, son of Fred William and Mary Ada Scott Russmann, was born Jan. 18, 1926 at Avoca. At the age of four years he moved with his family to a farm near Defiance. He attended rural schools in Shelby County. In 1941, the family moved to a farm near Arion. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1943. He served on the USS Biloxi in the Pacific during WW II, receiving his honorable discharge in 1946. He then returned to the family farm.

June 20, 1947, he married Erma Reuwsaax at the Zion Lutheran Parsonage in Denison. After their marriage, they farmed for a short time and then he worked as a plumber. He began driving a truck in the early 1950's which he continued until he was forced to retire due to a disability in 1985. Throughout their retired life, they lived in Arion. As an adult he was baptized and confirmed at the Zion Lutheran Church in Denison. He was more recently a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Dow City and at one time was a member of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars. He entered the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City one day before his unexpected death there Feb. 7, 1991 at age 65 years and 20 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; by two sons, Larry and Keith; and by five brothers, Oscar, Paul, Fred, Dean and Glen. Survivors include his wife, Erma and his sons, Lonnie, Dennis, David (Teresa) and Kevin, all of Arion; ten grandchildren; a sister, Margaret Rath of Denison; an aunt, Vena Russmann of Avoca; a sister-in-law, Bertha Russmann of Walnut; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 9, 1991 at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Dow City with Pastor Larry Lemke, officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna cemetery in Manilla with Scott Russmann, Dustin Russmann, Dennis Russmann, Kevin Russmann, David Russmann, Lonnie Russmann, Nicholas Russmann, Christopher Russmann and Kurt Russmann serving as casketbearers. Honorary casketbearers were Gidget Russmann, Rajeana Russmann, Kelly Russmann, Tina Russmann and Tami Russmann.