

## **Gerald O. Ratashak, 63**

**Oct. 7, 1933 - April 1, 1997**

**CO. BLUFFS** - Gerald O. Ratashak, 63, was born at Hastings, Oct. 7, 1933, son of John and Louisa (Wieland) Ratashak, and lived with his family in Persia for many years before he moved to Co. Bluffs in 1958. He graduated from Persia High School in 1953. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

He married Carol Spencer Aug. 15, 1958. He worked for Omaha Standard for 20 years and Co. Bluffs schools for 27 years. He enjoyed hunting and woodworking. He died April 1, 1997 at his home in Co. Bluffs.

Survivors are his wife of 38 years, Carol; three daughters, Cynthia Wills of Omaha; Kathy Ratashak of Omaha and Becky Ratashak of Chicago; a son, Mark of Co. Bluffs; a brother, Ernst of Apple Valley, CA; five grandchildren; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held April 4, 1997, at the Meyer Funeral Home with Rev. Aaron Jones, Chaplain of Risen Son Christian Village, officiating. Burial was in the Grange Cemetery, rural Honey Creek. Casket bearers Robert Turk, Robert L. Otto, Christen A. Newland, Kevin Musich, Paul Koeppen and Jeffrey Plumb, Jr. Honorary bearers were Gerald Turk, Joel M. Eskelsen, Robert W. Otto and Marvin Musich.