

Edgar "Hack" Schmidt, 74

Sept. 22, 1926 - April 1, 2001

AVOCA - Edgar A. "Hack" Schmidt was born in Avoca, Sept. 22, 1926, son of Harry Schmidt and Edna Bergman Schmidt. Hack started working for John Pittmann in Pittmann's Grocery Store at the age of 7. He attended school and worked for John until he went into the military. He entered the United States Army Nov. 16, 1944. Upon being discharged from the military Aug. 8, 1946, he returned to Avoca. He went to work for the State Highway Department for a short while and then went to work for John Pittmann, again, in his grocery store.

He married Rogena Meier April 9, 1949, in Council Bluffs. They were the parents of two children, Delores and Jeffrey. He worked in the grocery store until 1961, he then went to work for Agri-Land in Avoca. He worked there until he reached retirement age in 1985. Hack worked for Burns Brothers in Minden for seven years and then went to work helping his wife, Jean, with the janitorial duties at A-H-S-T High School in Avoca, for five years. He was a member of the Avoca Fire Department for 47 years and of the Fred Funston American Legion Post 227 for 56 years. He died at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, April 1, 2001, at age 74 years, six months and 10 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Jean of Avoca; his daughter, Delores "Dee" (Stan) Leaders of Minden; his son, Jeffrey Schmidt (LaVonne) of Avoca; his grandchildren, Kristy Leaders Wendell (Joshua) and Tim Leaders; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 5, 2001, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Fred Funston Post #227. Honorary casket bearers were Daryle Bailey, Robert Jensen, Kennard Mertz, Swede Pattee, Merlin Jensen, Ernie Hogleank and Duane Johnson. Casket bearers were Amy Hoffmann, Scott Pigsley, Dave Rodgers, Wade Andersen, Tom Kroll and Rob Jacobsen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.