

## Charles "Chuck" Stolz, 69

July 19, 1931 - March 20, 2001

**AUDUBON** - Charles "Chuck" F. Stolz, son of Frank J. and Violet Mearle Ames Stolz, was born July 19, 1931, in Kirkman, and died March 20, 2001 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 69. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. He attended Harlan and Kirkman Schools and graduated from Harlan High School in 1949. Chuck was offered a full scholarship to Morningside College in Sioux City, but decided to enlist in the Navy to serve his country during the Korean War from Aug. 2, 1949 until April 1, 1953. While serving in the Navy, he was on the USS Ajax and the USS Rendova. He also witnessed the detonation of the first hydrogen bomb. After the Navy, he worked for McDonnell-Douglas, an aircraft manufacturer in Long Beach, CA. In 1954, he returned to Harlan. He also attended El Camino College in California and the University of Nebraska in Omaha.

Oct. 8, 1955, he married Bonnie Pauley at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Portsmouth. In 1959, they bought the Shelby Furniture and Hardware. In 1969, they purchased Stolz Home Furnishing in Audubon. They continued to operate the store until the time of his death. Chuck was an avid horseman, a 4-H leader, and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Preceding him in death were his parents and an infant son, Dean Stolz. Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Stolz of Audubon; his children, Janet Christoffersen (Neal) of Audubon; Pam Hansen (Mike) of Audubon; Chuck Stolz of Big Springs, NE and David Stolz (Kathy) of Grand Island, NE; his grandchildren, Ann, Alicea and Eric Christoffersen; Melissa and Samantha Hansen; Justis and Quinlan Stolz; his sisters, Mary Bowman and Dolores Wohlhutter, both of Harlan; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Chris Fontanini March 24, 2001, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Audubon. Burial was in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Audubon. Military graveside services were conducted by Dale Christensen Post No 4119 in Audubon and Audubon Post No. 120, American Legion. Casket bearers were Neal Christoffersen, Chuck Stolz, Tim Homing, Terry Huffman, Scott Olson, Philip Hobus and Rob Pauley. Kessler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.