

## Levi R. Swensen, 72

*June 6, 1929 - Dec. 7, 2001*

**ELK HORN** – Levi Roger Swensen was born to Marye (Rogers) and Gottlieb Swensen June 6, 1929, at Harlan. He grew to adulthood on a farm southwest of Jacksonville. He attended Jackson #8 Country School through the eighth grade and Elk Horn High School in Elk Horn. Following high school, he was employed by the Everett Greve Trucking Company of Jacksonville from 1947 to 1951.

Dec. 8, 1950, Levi married Jeanette Parr at The Little Brown Church in the Vail at Nashua. To this union three daughters were born. The couple resided in Jacksonville, until Levi entered the United States Army in September 1951. He was stationed at Fort Sill, OK. He served in Korea from September 1952 to October 1953, receiving an honorable discharge at Camp Carson, CO. In addition to the Korean War Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, he was also decorated with the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with one overseas bar and had just recently received the Korean War Service Medal. He moved to Harlan following his discharge from the Army, and returned to the Everett Greve Trucking Company until 1955 when he began driving for T.W. Reimer Trucking of Harlan. In May 1956, he purchased trucks from Alvin Bauer of Corley, and started his own trucking and corn shelling business, Swensen and Swensen. When the business was sold in October 1962, he purchased a farm north of Corley, and started a large dairy and hog operation. In 1982, the farm was sold and a hog confinement north of Atlantic was purchased to raise breeding stock for Farmer's Hybrid Company. Levi retired in 1992, and after selling the farm, moved to Elk Horn. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 322 of Elk Horn. He died Dec. 7, 2001, at Veteran's Medical Center in Omaha, NE, at age 72 years, six months and one day.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Gaylord. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette Swensen of Elk Horn; his daughters, Cindy (John) Schechinger of Harlan; Penny (Neal) Jacobsen of Kimballton and Michelle (Kelly) Jacobsen of Kimballton; 15 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; sisters-in-law and brother-in-law, Louise (Mike) Jensen of Minden; Genevieve Kemmish of Council Bluffs and Dorothy Swensen of Carter Lake; mother-in-law, Helen Parr of Persia; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 10, 2001, at Pauley Funeral Home with Rev. Jon Benson officiating. Military rites were conducted in the Immanuel Cemetery in Kimballton, by American Legion Post No. 322 of Elk Horn, with grandsons, Chad, Rob, Adam, Jake, Jordan and Bryan Schechinger casket bearers.

