

## James W. Wilson, 59

March 14, 1936 - Jan. 7, 1996

**PERSIA** - James W. Wilson, son of Joseph L. and Herma Kemmish Wilson, was born March 14, 1936 at Persia. He attended school in Persia, graduating from Persia High School in 1954. Jan. 24, 1955 he entered the United States Army, serving his country during the Korean Conflict as an equipment mechanic. After his honorable discharge Jan. 23, 1958, he returned to the Persia area to farm.

Feb. 6, 1960 he married Ardis Koeppen at Mapleton. They made their home on a farm near Persia where he was engaged in farming for twenty-five years before becoming employed by the D.R. Andersen Construction Co. of Omaha through International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 571. He died Jan. 7, 1996 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha at age 59 years, nine months and 24 days. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and the American Legion, Swanger Post No. 314 both of Persia.

Preceding him in death was his father. He is survived by his wife, Ardis Wilson of Persia; his children, Valerie (Jim) Plambeck of Indianola; Teresa (Randy) Coenen of Woodbine and Angela (Todd) Seifert of Mason City; nine grandchildren; his mother, Herma Wilson of Persia; his brothers and sisters, John Wilson of Detroit, MI; Jane Brown and Jean McGuire both of Co. Bluffs; Jerry Wilson of Yankton, SD and Jan Wilson of Persia; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10, 1996 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Persia with Pastor David Kuhnle officiating. Military rites were conducted at the Valley View Cemetery by the Persia American Legion, Swanger Post No. 314, with John Stamp, Dewey Brockmann, Ray Parsons, Arnold Nelson, Lewie Larsen, Larry Watson, Scott Dollen and Dick Dollen casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.