

Dale Akers, 79

April 8, 1922 – Oct. 9, 2001

WALNUT – Dale LaVerne Akers was born April 8, 1922, in rural Exira, the son of Otto and Mary Ludwig Akers. He was one of six children in the family. He attended school through the eighth grade when he left to help his father with the farming until he was 17 years old. He then went to a County Conservation Camp in Guthrie Center, where he was drafted in to the Navy in 1942. He served with the U.S. Navy until 1945 when he was discharged.

He married Leita May Richardson May 8, 1946. Dale worked as a farmhand near Auburn, and then moved to Walnut in 1963. He then went to work at the Pork Plant in Harlan. He worked for Imperial Clevite in Atlantic, for six years before his retirement. He has been a resident of Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. He died Oct. 9, 2001, at the Cass County Memorial Hospital at age 79 years, six months and one day.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Don and Bob; and one granddaughter, Sarah Hagadon. He is survived by his children, Dennis (Ardith) of Avoca; Linda (Jon) Hall of Omaha, NE; Ronald (Gail) of Casar, NC; Janet (Randall) Lawson of Stuart and Rose (Walt) Sievers of Walnut; one brother, Delbert (Naomi) of Anita; two sisters, Lola Petersen of Lewis and Lois Ann (Raymond) Newell of Pineville, MO and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 12, 2001, at the Knutson Funeral Home in Walnut, with Randall Lawson officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Walnut AmVets Post #45. Honorary casket bearers were Ronnie Akers, Jr., Darrell Larson and Jody Pritchett. Casket bearers were Larry Hagadon, Ryan Akers, Nate Larson, Rob Akers, Jeremy Sievers and Michael Akers.