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Donald Dean Bladt, 57

May 20, 1936 - Nov. 16, 1993

Walnut— Donald Dean Bladt was born in Audubon County, Iowa May 20, 1936. He was the son of Ole and Alma Andersen Bladt. He was one of five children in the family. He attended the Walnut Public Schools.

He married Shirley Jacobsen June 20, 1954 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. They made their home in Walnut and were the parents of four children. He spent most of his working years driving trucks. He worked for Dick Brown Conoco for several years. He was employed by Western Iowa Gas in Atlantic when his health failed to the point he could no longer work. He spent from March of this year until Nov. 2 at Portland, OR, where he was hoping to receive a heart transplant. He lost his valiant battle Nov. 16, 1993 when his heart failed. He was a patient at the University Hospital in Omaha, NE when he died at age 57 years, 5 months and 27 days. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant son Jeffrey Dean Bladt and a sister, Carol Bladt. Survivors are his wife, Shirley of Walnut, three daughters; Debra Barr of Denver, CO, Kathy Rebarcak of Atlantic, and Brenda (Bruce) Walter of Walnut, eight grandchildren, one great granddaughter, two sisters; Norma Jean (Larry) Meyers of Austin, TX and Ramona (Delbert) Andersen of Elk Horn, one brother Robert Bladt (Maxine) of Atlantic, his mother-in-law, Verna Jacobsen of Atlantic, a sister-in-law, Sharon Yearsley of Omaha, NE, two brothers-in-law; Herbert Jacobsen, Jr. of Co. Bluffs, and Larry Jacobsen (Sherry) of Walnut, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 20, 1993 at Trinity Lutheran Church with Interim Pastor Kathy Gies and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery with Ralph Elder, Richard Pierson, Marvin Andersen, Richard Brown, Lloyd Troll, Harold Elder, Walt Knudtson, Wayne Sampson, Terry Suhr and Brent Petersen, honorary casket bearers. Casket bearers were; Kerry Blum, Walt Sampson, Charlie Ronnfeldt, Jim Blum, John Sampson, and Charles Saltmarsh. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.