

## Melvin Conray Boose, 74

Nov. 12, 1921 - June 28, 1996 ✓

**ELK HORN** - Melvin Conray Boose, son of Martin and Amanda (Fredericksen) Boose, was born Nov. 12, 1921 in Elk Horn. He died June 28, 1996 at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 74.

Nov. 12, 1942 he married Irene Peitersen at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church. To this union four children were born, Steve, Enid, Ingrid and Marty. He served in the U.S. Army during WW II from 1943 until 1946. Upon discharge he worked for Nelsen-Jessen Oil and Young Implement and was Postmaster for 29 years, retiring in 1982. He served as secretary and director of the Elk Horn School, on the Selective Service Board, on the Compensation Board, on the Elk Horn City Council, on Elk Horn Development, as a Cub Master, member of the Better Elk Horn Club, member of the local and county American Legion serving as a director and president, was president and served on the Elk Horn Lutheran Salem Home Board for 19 years and on the Elk Horn Fire Department and Rescue Unit.

He is survived by his wife, Irene of Elk Horn; children, Steve Boose (Ky) of Austin, TX; Enid Nielsen of Elk Horn; Ingrid May of Greenfield and Marty Boose (Connie) of Atlantic; 10 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two brothers, Ivan Boose (Millie) of Pryor, OK and Avery Boose (Phyllis) of Red Oak; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held June 30, 1996 at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church with Pastor Michael Williams and Pastor Stephen Gronseth officiating. Burial was in the Elk Horn Lutheran Cemetery. Full military graveside rites were by the Elk Horn Legion Post #322. Honorary casket bearers were the Elk Horn American Legion Firing Squad, Elk Horn Rescue Squad and Elk Horn Fire Department. Casket bearers were Al Larsen, Doug Smith, Dale Petersen, Burton Esbeck LeRoy Pedersen and Delbert "Ras" Rasmussen. Steen Funeral Home, Kimballton, in charge of arrangements.