

Elwin "Bud" Bladt, 81

Oct. 31, 1926 - Nov. 14, 2007

AVOCA – Elwin Wayne Bladt, son of Daniel and Ida Holdorf Bladt, was born Oct. 31, 1926 in Pleasant Township, Pottawattamie County. Bud was baptized and confirmed at the Minden Congregational Church. He attended Pleasant Township Elementary and graduated from Shelby High School with the class of 1944. After high school he entered the United States Army Feb. 14, 1945. He received medals for Expert Rifle, Infantryman, Pacific Region Ribbon for good conduct and he received the rank of Sergeant.

Bud married Betty Petersen Dec. 8, 1950 at the Minden Congregational Church. To this union two children were born: Wayne and Dawn. He was engaged in farming and raising cattle for over fifty years. He died at his home, where he was born and raised, Nov. 14, 2007 at age eighty one years and fourteen days.

Bud is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife Betty of Avoca; his children: Wayne Bladt (Mary Beth) of Avoca and Dawn (Phil) Hobbs of LaVista, NE; three grandchildren: Jonathan, Elaina and Anna; two step grandchildren: Abigail and Ashley; two brothers: Donald Bladt of Shelby and Willis Bladt (Norma) of Avoca; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 17, 2007 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca with Pastor Nancy Ross-Hullinger officiating. Burial was in the Shelby Cemetery with military rites conducted by Fred Funston Post #227. Honorary casketbearers were Harold Nihsen, Harley Nihsen, Paul Nihsen, Ronald Nihsen, Stanley Thies, Steve Bladt, Larry Bladt, Dennis Bladt and Robert Hundt. Casket bearers were Brad Hundt, David Bladt, David Thies, David Wahling, Robert Nihsen and Daniel Bladt.