

Wilbur "Bill" Carroll, 72

Jan. 4, 1927 - June 22, 1999

HARLAN – Wilbur "Bill" Herbert Carroll was born at home in Fairview Township Jan. 4, 1927, son of John D. and Lola Rock Carroll. He was one of ten children born into that union. He attended rural schools in Fairview Twp. and graduated from Avoca High School in 1944. He served in the Army Air Corps from July 1945 to January 1947 and was stationed in Germany.

He married Dorothy Ann Schultz Feb. 15, 1952, at the First Lutheran Church of Avoca, by Rev. Joseph Gerlt. They were the first couple to have a wedding dance in the old Avoca Ball Room. They were the parents of four children, Diane Jonelle, Donna Jean, Duane Jon and Dwight Alan. Bill, or Fuzz, as his friends knew him, and Dorothy Ann were farmers all their lives, living southwest of Corley. Bill was a former 4-H leader, on the board of the Farmers Coop Creamery of Avoca, a committeeman of Fairview Township, and director of the East Pottawattamie County Fair Board. He was a 50 year active member of the Avoca American Legion, Trinity Lutheran Church, Diabetic Support Group, the Stroke Club, and Hearts on the Mend. Bill tinkered with old machinery and cars to prove he could keep them running. He died suddenly at his home June 22, 1999, at age 72 years, five months and 18 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, J. Kenneth Carroll; one sister, Judith Kaufman; and one granddaughter, Amy Lynne Carroll. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Dorothy Ann; two daughters, Diane (Jonathan) Roos of West Des Moines; Donna (Jim) Doolittle of Cedar Rapids; two sons, Duane (Lynne) of Avoca and Dwight (Colleen) of Harlan; 13 grandchildren; his brother, Everette (Sandy) of Avoca; six sisters, Lorene Nelsen, Mildred (Kenneth) Petersen, Bertha (Robert) Kixmiller, Betty (Donald) Langer, Dorothy Mattox, Wilma Jean (David) Klindt, all of Avoca and sister-in-law, Audrey Carroll, brother-in-law, Mike Kaufman, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 25, 1999, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery with military graveside services conducted by the Avoca American Legion Post #227. Casket bearers were Ethan Roos, Adam Roos, Gwen Doolittle, Julie Carroll, Katie Carroll, Catherine Carroll, Aaron Roos, Sarah Doolittle, Emily Doolittle, Thomas Carroll, Andrew Carroll, Shiloh Carroll and John Dwight Carroll. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

