

Tom Custer, 58

Sept. 7, 1942 – Feb. 9, 2001

COUNCIL BLUFFS – Thomas R. (Tom) Custer was born Sept. 7, 1942, at Harlan, to Ival Custer and Marjorie Madson Custer. He graduated from Harlan High School in 1960, and attended Northwest Missouri State for two years.

He married Pat Andersen Oct. 2, 1966, in Harlan at the United Methodist Church. Three children were born to this union. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He had driven for Petersen Brothers in Jacksonville and sold State Farm Insurance. He had been a truck driver for the past 15 years with Double S Trucking in Avoca. He was a member of the Broadway United Methodist Church, the American Legion Post 2, Elks Lodge #531 and was Past Exalted Ruler Elks Lodge #531. He died Feb. 9, 2001 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital following a short illness at age 58 years, five months and two days.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ival Custer, and a grandson, Todd Custer in 1979. He is survived by his wife, Pat Custer of Council Bluffs; a son, Mike (Tanya) Custer of Omaha and a daughter, Tricia Custer at home; granddaughter, Mayson Claire Custer; his mother, Marjorie Custer of Harlan; two sisters, Joan (Dick) Waller of Lincoln, NE and Lynne (Bob) Ross of Ames and his mother-in-law, Elaine Andersen of Kimballton, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 12, 2001, at the Broadway United Methodist Church with Rev. Marvin Arnpriester and Vicar Merlene Ostebee officiating. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with Ed Andersen, Tom West, Dennis Backhaus, Duane Deist, Dick Waller and Dick Gold casket bearers.