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Everl Joseph Demers, 69

Jan. 5, 1927 - Dec. 6, 1996

STORM LAKE - Everl Joseph Demers, 69, of Okoboji, formerly of Storm Lake, died Dec. 6, 1996, at the Valley Lutheran Hospital in Mesa, AZ. He was born Jan. 5, 1927, in Early, son of Fred and Eliza (St. Louis) Demers. He graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School in 1945.

He married Phyllis Hansen Feb. 12, 1947 in Storm Lake. She died Nov. 2, 1985.

He married Ardith Bogler Feb. 27, 1987 in Mesa, AZ. He co-owned and operated the Demers Hardware Store in Storm Lake for many years. He also worked for Hy Grade and later for Burnann Builders until his retirement. He then worked for Douglas Clothing for a short time. The couple wintered in Mesa, AZ. He was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church, Okoboji Vu Golf Course and the BPOE in Mesa, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Edward and Al. Survivors include his wife; one son, Gary (Deb) of Alta; one daughter, Shelley (Karl) Barker of Alta; four grandchildren; one brother, Donald (Millie) of Worthington, MN; three sisters-in-law, Franny Demers of Storm Lake; JoAnn (Doug) Kerby of Mesa, AZ and Bonnie (Bill) Smith of Tekama, NE; one brother-in-law, Gerald (Jaline) Olson of Co. Bluffs; four stepsons and their wives, Bob (Jannette) Bogler of Defiance; Don (Patti) Bogler of Westphalia; Gerald (Jaci) Bogler of Earling; John (Darla) Bogler of Okemos, MI; three stepdaughters, Debbie Goeser of Harlan; Vicki (Jim) Schmitz of Defiance and Kathy (Dennis) Norgaard of Harlan and 20 step grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 10, 1996, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Storm Lake, with Father Clair Boes officiating. Burial was in the Woodlawn Cernetery, Alta. Honorary casket bearers were Amy Demers, Ky Barker, Bill Smith, George Wieterman, Jeffrey Demers, Kelsey Barker and Gerald Olson. Casket bearers were Tim Cavenaugh, Robert Smith, Robert Demers, Everett Von Ehwegen, Scott G. Stanton and Verlyn Jipson. Barker Funeral Home of Alta in charge of arrangements.