

Vernon Lester Dinges, 78

April 21, 1916 - May 9, 1994

Avoca - Vernon Lester Dinges was born at Stuart April 21, 1916. He was the son of Sidney and Bertha Jameson Dinges. He was an only child. He attended grade school in Atlantic and Avoca and high school at Des Moines Roosevelt, graduating in 1934. Following his graduation, he attended college at Iowa State University and Drake University. He received his B.A. degree from Drake. After college he was employed in the accounting department at Central States Theatre Corp. in Des Moines. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in October of 1942 and was discharged in March of 1946 as a Storekeeper First Class. In September of 1946 he was appointed to the job as Postmaster in Avoca and served in that position until July of 1975 when he retired.

He married Viola Karstens Oct. 31, 1948 at the First Lutheran Church in Avoca. She died in Nov. of 1984. He was active in many community organizations. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, a member of the board of directors of the Avoca Museum and the Avoca Housing Corporation. He was presently serving as president of the Elderberries Senior Citizens organization. He was a member of Fred Funston American Legion Post #227 and the V.F.W., the Mt. Nebo Masonic Lodge No. 297, all of Avoca, The Scottish Rite and Tangier Shrine, both of Omaha. He died at the Myrtle Memorial Hospital May 9, 1994 at age 78 years and 18 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Viola. Survivors are Alta Karstens of Omaha, one niece Mrs. Robert (Shirley) Reynolds of Birmingham, AL, one nephew Dr. Allen Karstens of Hattiesburg, MS and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Lena Mae Karstens of Jackson, MS and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 13, 1994 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with burial in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca with American Legion Graveside Services. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.