

Eldon Damgaard, 66

July 11, 1931 - April 7, 1998

INDEPENDENCE - Eldon Wayne Damgaard was born July 11, 1931, in Atlantic, son of Ed and Mable Hendricksen Damgaard. He was one of six children. He was a 1949 graduate of the Walnut High School. Jan. 7, 1952, he entered the US Air Force serving until his discharge Dec. 18, 1955, at which time he returned to the Walnut area.

July 29, 1960, he married Bonnie "Jean" Schuning McFerran. The couple resided in Avoca, where he was employed with the Berthusen Furniture Store. In 1966, the family moved to Waterloo, where he was employed as a carpet layer for Frederickson's Carpets. In 1967, the family moved to Jesup, where he continued to work for Frederickson's as well as laying carpet for Parker Furniture in Jesup. In 1971, the family moved to Independence, where he became a free lance carpet layer, laying carpet for Leytze Furniture, Carpetland and Fawcett Furniture until he retired due to his illness in 1997. He died April 7, 1998, at his home in Independence, at age 66 years, eight months and 27 days.

Eldon was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Merlin, Wayne and Lavern Damgaard. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; two sons, Rick McFerran (Barb) of Independence and Dale Damgaard (Michele) of Cape Coral, FL; two daughters, Renee (Lavern) Tarpy and Rhonda (Gary) Satterlee, both of Independence; eight grandchildren; two brothers, Earl Damgaard (Eleanor) of Omaha and Darrell Damgaard (Marlene) of Lisle, IL.

Funeral services were held April 10, 1998 at the Knutson Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Bengtson officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Cemetery. Military graveside services were conducted by the Avoca American Legion Post #227. Honorary casket bearers were Erick McFerran, Zachary Damgaard and Corey Satterlee. Casket bearers were Lavern Tarpy, John Schuning, Jeff Damgaard, Gary Satterlee, Trent Schuning and Frank Schneider.