

## **Darwin Dean Edgecomb, 54**

**AVOCA** – Darwin Dean Edgecomb was born in Pipestone, MN., July 29, 1936. He was the son of Delbert and Helen Stolte Edgecomb. He was one of three children in the family. He grew up in the Pipestone and Jasper, MN areas.

He married Wilda Pankonen Dec. 18, 1962 at Marysville, KS. In 1966, they moved to Avoca where Darwin was employed by Avoca Implement. In 1972 he opened his own auto repair business which he operated until 1989, when he became ill with cancer. They were the parents of four children.

He was preceded in death by his father and two infant sons. Survivors include his wife, Wilda; one son, Tim Edgecomb of Harlan; three daughters, Kimberly (Craig) Kyle of Avoca; Sandra (Tony) Michalak of Avoca and Dawn Edgecomb of Avoca; three grandchildren; his mother and step father, Helen and Leonard Smith of Pipestone, MN.; two brothers Daryl Edgecomb of Worthington, MN., and Merlyn Edgecomb of Orange Vale, CA.; five nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives.

Services were March 14, 1990 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor Dean Sudman, officiating and Mr Wayne Paulsen as lay assistant. Keith Petersen, Terry Pankonen, Tim Heilig, Eldon Riesgaard, Gary Madden and Donna Black were honorary casketbearers. Casketbearers were Jerry Mez, Eldon Ellerbeck, Francis Wise, Larry Wingert, George Wise and Lowell Young. Burial was in Graceland cemetery, Avoca.