

Ivan Gordon Holtz, 71

June 12, 1923 - Sept. 18, 1994

Avoca - Ivan Gordon Holtz was born northeast of Avoca June 12, 1923, the son of Ernest and Bertha Jacobsen Holtz. He was one of eleven children in the family. He attended school in Walnut and graduated in 1941.

He married Nadine Nielsen Sept. 15, 1953. For a number of years he farmed with his brother, Marvin. They moved to Avoca in 1964. They were the parents of three children; Bruce, Diane and Brett. He was a feed salesman for Peets Feed from 1965 until 1973. He worked at several places in Avoca, such as managing the Sportsman Cafe, Avoca Elevator and worked for several of the local farmers until his retirement. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and served as a Committee Member of the Avoca Boy Scouts. He died Sept. 18, 1994 at the Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 71 years, 3 months and 6 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers; Edwin, LaVerne, Mervin, Donald and Robert and two sisters; Ethel Nicolai and Alice Holtz. He is survived by his wife, Nadine, their children; Bruce Holtz of Avoca, Diane (Jerry) Stamp of Avoca and Brett Holtz and his fiancée (Bonnie Norden) of Walnut, two grandsons, a brother, Marvin Holtz (Helen) of Atlantic, and two sisters; Darlene Graner of Manning and Verlene Andersen, of Atlantic, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Sept. 20, 1994 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca with Pastor Paul Bengston and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Honorary casket bearers were: Lawrence Gronberg, George Norden, Earl Sievers, Daniel Rees, Alden Stamp and William True. Casket bearers were: Daryl (Chris) Paulsen, Dean Ausdemore, Lynn Gronberg, Herbert Stearns, Dennis Akers and Mick Denning. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.