

Don Harris, 58

Feb. 4, 1941 - Dec. 26, 1999

HANCOCK - Don Charles Harris was born Feb. 4, 1941, at Avoca, son of Ted and Lucille Warner Harris. He attended grade school in Avoca, and also the New Boston country school east of Avoca. During Don's freshman year, his family moved to Dow City, where he graduated in 1958. He entered the U.S. Navy in 1959, and was stationed the entire four years in California.

He married Audrey Clark. After his four year stint in the Navy, he worked in Civil Service for 30 years and when he retired he was awarded the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award and commendation for his significant contribution to the quality of Sea Range scheduling services. After retirement, he was diagnosed with cancer and he returned to Hancock to live with his mother, where he resided until his death. He died Dec. 26, 1999, at Mercy Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 58 years, 10 months and 22 days.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ted Harris; two brothers-in-law, Darrell Palmer and Paul Nielsen. He is survived by his mother, Lucille Harris of Hancock; five stepchildren, Robin Mahan, Nannette Byrge, Ed Clark, John Clark and Bill Clark; a special step granddaughter, Jackie Nelson; his sisters, Claire Palmer of Oakland; Janice DeSchamp of Avoca; Jane (Larry) Jacobsen of Hancock; a brother, Lynn Harris (Janice) of Oakland; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 30, 1999, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel, Avoca, with Pastor Don Hale officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Hancock. Honorary casket bearers were Greg Hansen, Stan Smith and Steve Nielsen. Casket bearers were Dana Palmer, Gayle Palmer, Dean Krohn, Dan Jacobsen, Dean Hildebrand and Jody Harris.