

Melvin Horst, 87

Dec. 12, 1919 - Oct. 8, 2007

HANCOCK — Melvin Horst, son of Carl and Lena Plautz Horst, was born Dec. 12, 1919, on his families' farm near Avoca. He attended school, but left before he graduated to work on a nearby dairy farm in support of his family.

Melvin married Connie McKay Dec. 3, 1941, in Rock Port, MO. To this union two children were born: Donna and Boyd. After their marriage, they moved to California where he worked in support of the war effort. After a short time in California, they returned to Avoca where he managed Rubacks Grocery store for 34 years. He retired in 1982 and moved, with his wife, to a family farm near Hancock. He died Oct. 8, 2007, at the Oakland Manor Nursing Home in Oakland, at age 87 years, nine months and 26 days.

Melvin is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Connie; his son, Boyd; his brothers, Herbie, Leo, Donnie, Frank, Carl Jr., Leighton, Dick; and his sister, Ruth. Survivors include his daughter, Donna Davis of Hancock; his grandchildren, Mitchell Horst of Kansas; Shanna (Mike) Dargy of Omaha, NE; Shayne Haig (Sarah) of Bellevue, NE; Scott Haig (Angela) of Avoca; his great grandchildren, Mike, Nick, Joe, Allison, Peyton, Rylee, Scarlett, Rob, David and Ciarra; his sister, Lorna Slayter of Oregon; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 13, 2007, at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, with Pastor Dennis Reich officiating. Casket bearers were Scott Haig, Rob Stannard, Shayne Haig, David Haig, Mike Dargy and Ciarra Haig. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Hancock.

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