

Herbert Jens, 85

May 5, 1928 - Nov. 17, 2013

AVOCA — Herbert "Herb" Curtis Jens was born on May 5, 1928 in Omaha, NE to Herbert and Cora (Miller) Jens. He was baptized and confirmed at the United Methodist Church in Hancock and graduated from Hancock Community High School. Herb was inducted into the United States Army on July 4, 1951 and served his country honorably during the Korean conflict until his honorable discharge on July 3, 1953. He returned home to Hancock and worked as a mechanic at the John Deere dealership in Oakland.



Herb was united in marriage to Patricia Woltmann on October 19, 1958 at the English Lutheran Church in Avoca. The couple made their home south of Hancock and on Herb's parents farm. He grew corn, beans and hay, and raised purebred hogs and cattle. He also sold seed for many years and worked as a crop adjuster. Herb was an active member in the Fred Funston American Legion Post No. 227 and served as Post Commander, District Vice Commander and District Commander. He was involved in the Legion's 40 and 8 and served on the Pottawattamie County Fair Board. He enjoyed pheasant hunting, fishing, trapping and working on antique John Deere tractors. Along with Herb's passion and involvement in the American Legion, he was also very involved with his grandchildren. He and Patty opened their home to Dwayne's children after Dwayne's death and Herb enjoyed spending as much time as he could with all his grandchildren. After Herb retired, he and Patty moved to Avoca. In June of 2013, he moved to the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center and this is where he died on Sunday, November 17, 2013 having attained the age of 85 years, 6 months and 2 days.

Along with his parents, Herb was preceded in death by a son, Dwayne Jens and his sister Marian Holtz. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Patty Jens of Avoca; sons Curtis Jens and his wife Jackie of Ogden and Harley Jens and his significant other Jerece Cheers of Hancock; 6 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; brother Harold Jens and wife Leanna of Avoca; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends. Rev. Jonathan Heifner officiated the 10:30 a.m. funeral service at the Hancock United Methodist Church in Hancock and JoAnne Dea provided the music. Military Rites were conduct-

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by the Fred Funston American Legion Post No. 227 at Oak Hill Cemetery in Hancock. Honorary casket bearer was Don Shreffler and active casket bearers were Justin Woltmann, Steve Hamilton, Brian Colvin, Stan Jens, Alan Grobe and Darrell Jacobsen.

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