

## Robert Jorgensen, 81

Jan. 25, 1917 - Oct. 15, 1998

**AVOCA** - Robert Christian Jorgensen was born Jan. 25, 1917, near Hancock. He was the son of Nels and Anna Thompson Jorgensen and was one of five children in the family. He attended rural school near Hancock.

He married Leona Holtz Sept. 14, 1940. They were the parents of four children. He was in the Navy during World War II and was stationed in the Pacific Theater and while there he served on the USS Lexington. After the war he returned home and he and Leona operated the "Y" Oil Station for a short time and then he joined his father in the Jorgensen Feed and Seed Store. He retired in December of 1973. She died Nov. 7, 1990. Robert moved to the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn in January of 1996. He was a member of the English Lutheran Church until it became Trinity Lutheran Church and was a member of the Avoca American Legion. He died Oct. 15, 1998, at the Salem Lutheran Home at age 81 years, eight months and 20 days.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leona; his parents and two sisters, Margaret Applegate and one who died in infancy. He is survived by his children, Judy (John) Yeager of Sheridan, WY; Robert Jorgensen (Connie) of Avoca; Barbara (John) Petersen of Manilla; David Jorgensen (Patricia) of Avoca; 11 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Holtz of Oakland and Elaine (Wesley) Andersen of Minden, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 17, 1998, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor Paul Bengtson officiating with military graveside rites by the American Legion Post #227. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were John R. Yeager, Glenn Medberry and Paul Gravseth. Casket bearers were Steven Jorgensen, Christopher Jorgensen, William Wageman, Michael Jorgensen, Andy Tibbs and Brian Battles. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.