

## Charles Kock, 76 ✓

*Jan. 9, 1929 - Jan. 5, 2006*

**AVOCA** — Charles Herman Kock, son of Herman and Matilda Peters Kock, was born Jan. 9, 1929, in Shelby. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Charles attended school in Shelby until his sophomore year when the family moved to Avoca. He graduated from Avoca High School in 1947. After graduation, he helped his dad and other local farmers with farming, drove livestock trucks and worked at the alfalfa mill in Avoca.

Charles married Margaret M. Klein at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan Nov. 29, 1952. To this union seven children were born. After their marriage, they moved to Omaha where he was employed as a beef lugger for a few months before moving to Walnut and working for area farmers. Charles started farming southwest of Walnut in 1956. They continued farming in Pottawattamie County until 2001. He was active during his lifetime with the 4-H county committee as a 4-H leader and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He died Jan. 5, 2006, at the Oakland Manor at age 76 years, 11 months and 27 days.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Debbie Kock and Don Karstens; and two brothers, LaVerne and Carl. He is survived by his wife, Mary of Avoca; his children, Pat Sievers and her close friend, Milo Kies of Avoca; Dean Kock (Mary Beth) of Hancock; Brian Kock (Linda) of Harlan; Lisa (Nick) Niedermayer of Indianola; Sharon (Dave) Doud of Stuart; Steve Kock (Jennifer) of Hancock; 15 grandchildren, Shané Sievers (Carrie) of Clarksville; Allison (Mark) Petersen of Menlo Park, CA; Andrea Sievers and her friend, Darrelle Murray of Omaha, NE; Jennifer Kock of Ames; Evan Kock of Hancock; Ben Kock and his friend, Jen Kemmerer of Coralville; Mallory Kock of Ames; Emma and Ryan Niedermayer of Indianola; Gayle, Gabrielle and Vince Doud, all of Stuart; and Sophie, Olivia and Julia Kock, all of Hancock; three great-grandchildren, Cassie and Kennedy Sievers of Clarksville and Katelynn Kock of Coralville; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 7, 2006, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca, with Rev. John Frost celebrant. Honorary casket bearers were Tom Rau, Ed Pattee, Eldon Riesgaard, Armond Feautto, Mick Denning and Ron Kenkel. Casket bearers were Shane Sievers, Dean Kock, Dave Doud, Nick Niedermayer, Steve Kock and Brian Kock. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca, in charge of arrangements.