

## Orville Krueger, 83

*April 2, 1922 - Dec. 13, 2005*

**WALNUT** — Orville Henry Krueger, son of Henry and Christine Valentine Zimmerman Krueger, was born April 2, 1922 in Walnut. He was baptized and confirmed at the Evangelical and Reform Church in Walnut. He attended country school south of Walnut and then graduated from Walnut High School in 1940. After graduation, he farmed with his father until joining the United States Navy Feb. 15, 1945, serving on the USS Grasp. While in the service Orville received the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal and a Victory Medal. He received an Honorable discharge in April 1946 to come home to help on the farm when his father's health began to fail.

Orville married Hazel Emma Holtz Feb. 1, 1953, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. To this union three children were born. He continued to farm until January 2000. Even after his retirement he still went to the farm to help Jeff set posts and haul in the crops in the fall. He also took a part time job at the Avoca Super Foods in the deli. During Orville's lifetime he was active in bowling, served as a scoutmaster for several years, a member of the Walnut AmVets and the American Legion and was also a member of the Peace United Church of Christ where he served on the council and search committees. He died suddenly Dec. 13, 2005, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 83 years, eight months and 11 days.

Orville is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Hazel of Walnut; his children, Lorie (Charles) Lambrecht of Nebraska City, NE; Jeffery Krueger (Leanne) of Walnut; and Julie (Jon) Childs of Ames; six grandchildren, Ashley and Christopher Lambrecht, Nicholas and Scott Krueger and Damon and Adam Childs; his sister, Ioma (Wilber) Hubbard of Walnut; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 16, 2005, at the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut with Rev. Gail Muckey officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Elwyn Ferry, Alden Krueger, Wayne Petersen, Robert Stuart and Terry Peters. Casket bearers were Craig Woltmann, Kevin Holtz, Steve Guyer, Leo Stuart, Neal Hubbard and Richard Holtz. Burial was held in the Layton Township Cemetery in Walnut with the American Legion Post No. 422 of Walnut and AmVets Post No. 45 performing military graveside rites. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.