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Kenneth C. Larsen, 73

Jan. 6, 1925 - March 25, 1998 ✓

AVOCA - Kenneth Clair Larsen was born Jan. 6, 1925, at Arlington, SD, son of Nels and Viola Nelson Larsen. When he was seven years old, the family moved to the Hancock area, where he attended country school. After the family moved northeast of Avoca, he attended the Shelby High School and worked with his dad.

He married Harriet Sarvis Oct. 13, 1945, in Omaha. They were the parents of three daughters, Harriet Marie, Charlotte and Linda. He bought a truck and drove for Bert Sarvis, his father-in-law. In 1946, they moved to California, where he worked for Marchant Calculator Company as a machinist until 1955, when he began work as an equipment operator for Oakland Public Schools in Oakland, CA. In 1964, they moved to Oregon and he worked in construction until 1985, when they moved back to California. He worked as a machinist until his retirement in April 1990. They moved to Avoca in 1992. He has been a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1977. He died at St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha March 25, 1998, at age 73 years, two months and 19 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother and a sister. He is survived by his wife, Harriet; their daughters, Harriett Marie (Bob) Wager and Linda (Boyd) Travis, all living in Medford, OR; Charlotte (George) Stout of Modesto, CA; seven grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren; two sisters, Elvilda (Robert) O'Neill of Avoca, and Donna Mae (George) Wells of Delhart, TX, and two brothers, James Larsen (Betty) of Harlan, and Don Christiansen of Cheyenne, WY, and other relatives.

Memorial services were held March 28, 1998, at the Knutson Chapel, Avoca, with Mr. Wayne Paulsen officiating. Inurnment was in the Graceland Cemetery, Avoca.