

## Robert Littrell, 76 ✓

*Sept. 1, 1927 - May 1, 2004*



**AVOCA** – Robert William Littrell was born Sept. 1, 1927, in Omaha, NE, son of Roland R. and Esther Paulsen Littrell, and was one of four children in the family. He graduated from high school in Omaha. He joined the Army Air Force in January of 1946, and served during World War II, being honorably discharged Oct. 20, 1948. After receiving his discharge, he returned to the Council Bluffs and Omaha, NE area.

Robert married Shirley Schmidt Oct. 12, 1950, in Omaha, NE. He was baptized at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Omaha, May 19, 1955. They were the parents of three children, Robert, Linda and Debra. Robert and his family lived in Los Angeles and San Diego, CA, where he was employed by the Mobil Oil Corporation for 26 years, retiring in 1983. They moved to Avoca in 1991. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. During his lifetime he played baseball while in the Air Force, was active in Little League baseball, helping to organize one of the first Little League fields in San Diego, CA, and he also coached girls' softball. He played several musical instruments, all by ear. He died at his residence in Avoca, May 1, 2004, at age 76 years and eight months.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, June Littrell and Marilyn Knowles. Robert is survived by his wife of 53 years, Shirley Littrell of Avoca; his son, Robert (Vickie) of San Diego, CA; his daughters, Linda Mehaffey and her fiancé, Tim Stowe of Avoca and Debra Conklin and her fiancé, Robert Bacon of Washington, MO; seven grandchildren, Michael Moran, Lisa Slingsby (Dave), Kelly Buchanan (Chris), Jill Littrell, Kaitlyn Mehaffey, Steven Conklin and Michelle Conklin; and two great-grandchildren, Kyli and Michael Moran; his sister, Betty McGrath (Ralph) of Harlan; his niece, Debbie Dietrich (Johnnie) of Kansas City, KS; and other relatives.

Memorial services were held May 5, 2004, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor Bernard Daiker and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Avoca Chapel, in charge of arrangements.