

Kenneth Messinger, 62

Oct. 1, 1939 – July 21, 2002

AVOCA – Kenneth Jerome Messinger was born Oct. 1, 1939, in Winslow, IL, son of Paul and Evelyn Rabe Messinger and was one of two children in the family. He graduated from Orangeville High School with the Class of 1957.

After graduation he married Sandra Rodebaugh July 21, 1957, in Orangeville, IL. They were the parents of three children, Peggy, Mike and Kris. They lived in northern Illinois before moving to Goddard, KS, in July 1971. They moved to Avoca Nov. 10, 1972, where they purchased a home from Howard and Nadine True. Aug. 1, 1978, Ken and Sandy purchased Olson Cleaners in Avoca. He also sold dry-cleaning supplies for TriSupply of Omaha. They sold Olson Cleaners in 1999. Ken continued to work for TriSupply until his death. He was a member of the Iowa Dry Cleaners Association and of the United Church of Avoca. He died at his residence in Avoca, July 21, 2002, at age 62 years, nine months and 20 days.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra, and his father, Paul Messinger. He is survived by his mother, Evelyn (Virgil) Schroeder of Cedarville, IL; his children, Peggy (Roger) Hobus of Avoca; Mike (Marcia) Messinger of Avoca; Kris (Cathy) Messinger of Oakland; six grandchildren; one great grandchild; a sister, Jean (James) Wubbena of Forreston, IL; a mother-in-law, Elizabeth Meyers of Freeport, IL; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held July 24, 2002, at the United Church of Avoca with Pastor Orris Drake officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Casket bearers were Trent Messinger, Joel Evans, Steve Walters, Warren Garnatz, Dean Gardner, Dick Johnson, Steve Rodebaugh and Mark Rodebaugh. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.