

Melvin Newcomb, 76

Jan. 13, 1924 - March 19, 2000

AVOCA - Melvin Evans Newcomb was born Jan. 13, 1924, in Webb, son of Roy and Hazel Howard Newcomb, and was one of nine children in the family. He attended school and graduated from Spencer High school in 1943. Melvin served in the South Pacific with the U.S. Army during World War II.

He married Sarah Ruth Newmann Feb. 4, 1949, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. They were the parents of a son, Timothy. They lived in the Spencer area prior to moving to Avoca in 1965. He was in the trucking business for himself, hauling sand and gravel, which Tim has now taken over. He died at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, March 19, 2000, at age 76 years, two months and six days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Ruth; one brother, Harlin; and two sisters, Leone Wallace and Arlene Newcomb. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Timothy Evans Newcomb of Avoca and daughter-in-law, Sarah Lynn Newcomb of Council Bluffs; three grandchildren, Karrie Anne, Derek Evans and Cody Alan Newcomb; and one great granddaughter, Lakota Dawn Fischer; three sisters, Faye Willert of Spencer; Marge (Jack) Fairchild of Spencer and Betty (Irving) Carlson of Marathon; two brothers, Roy Newcomb, Jr. (Shirley) of Spencer and Robert Newcomb (Saundra) of Greenville; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 23, 2000, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel, Avoca, with Reverend Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Fred Funston American Legion Post #227. Casket bearers were Frank Zech, Brent Newcomb, Paul McDaniel, Eugene Carlson, Roger Foster and Otis Mahaffey.