

## Wilbur L. Nichols, 78

*Dec. 14, 1920 – Nov. 17, 1999*

**GLENWOOD, MN** – Wilbur L. Nichols was born Dec. 14, 1920, in Amo Township, Cottonwood County to Willis Henry and Mabel May (Wellman) Nichols. He attended rural School District 49 in Cottonwood County. He entered the U.S. Army June 9, 1942, at Fort Crook, NE. He left for the European Theatre Oct. 8, 1943, and participated in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe Campaigns. He was shipped home and arrived stateside Nov. 6, 1946, receiving his honorable discharge six days later.

He married Mary E. Christensen June 15, 1947, in Delton Township, Cottonwood County, officiated by George Hamilton. They began farming in Amo Township until 1956 when they moved to the DeGraff area. They farmed near Sunburg, beginning in 1962. He hauled grain for local farmers from 1978 until 1990. In 1993, they retired from farming, had their auction and purchased a farm site at Grove Lake for their retirement. He entered Glacial Ridge Hospital Oct. 14, 1999, was discharged Oct. 19, 1999, and entered the Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar the next day. He left Rice Memorial Hospital Oct. 25 and then entered the Glenwood Retirement Village. He entered the Glacial Ridge Hospital once again Nov. 16, 1999 where he died at age 78.

He is survived by his wife, Mary of Glenwood; four daughters, Beverly (Dwayne) Kuhlman of Logan; Patricia (Michael) Harvey of Prior Lake, MN; Marjory (Allen) Anderson of Kerkhoven, MN; Linda (Patrick) Duscher of Hawick, MN; Charles (Janice) Nichols of Atwater, MN; and Dean (Linda) Nichols of Kerkhoven, MN; 18 grandchildren, Janai (Shane) Wagner, Michael Jon (Erin) Harvey and Shane Harvey; Jason (Tami), Wade (Melissa), Austin, Theresa, Lucas and Cameo Nichols; Shawn, Candice and Matthew Anderson; Sheila, Douglas (fiance, Teresa), Amanda and Thomas Duscher; Kayla and Kalina Nichols; three great grandchildren, Brianna Wager, Caitlin Nichols and Josiah Nichols; three brothers, Roland, Floyd and Clinton Nichols of the Windom area.

Memorial services were held Nov. 20, 1999, at the Glenwood Kingdom Hall with Mr. Dale Elwood officiating. Burial in the Amo Methodist Cemetery, Cottonwood County. Hoplin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.