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## **Bernard O'Neill, 88**

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**AVOCA** – Bernard Phillip O'Neill was born Oct. 1, 1900 in Hancock, the son of Joseph E. and Katherine Sinnett O'Neill. He was one of 10 children in the O'Neill family.

He married Irma G. Fletcher May 19, 1921 in Avoca. They were the parents of three daughters. He farmed in the Avoca and Hancock areas before working with Iowa Light and Power. In 1940, he started driving a truck for Iowa-Nebraska Transportation. He retired from driving a truck in 1965 and started working for the city of Avoca. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital, Harlan, March 25, 1989 at age 88 years, 5 months and 24 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Mary Ross and Annie Robinson; five brothers, James, John, Frank, Edward and Hugh. He is survived by his wife, Irma; 3 daughters, Pat (Mrs Herb) Rock of Avoca; Vernelle (Mrs Harold) Kunde of Princeton and Betty (Mrs Robert) Neilson of Davenport; 8 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson; two sisters, Agnes Christensen of Avoca and Nora Craft of Cherokee; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 28, 1989 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avoca with Rev. Phillip Lawler, celebrant. Burial was in Graceland cemetery, Avoca with Daryl Bailey, Paul Mitchell, Duane Johnson, Claude Pope, Bob O'Neill and Edward Pattee. Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.