



Jerry Dean Onnen, 49

Dec. 13, 1941 — April 13, 1991

HARLAN — Jerry Dean Onnen, son of Shirley Arthur and Mae Lillian (Widstrom) Onnen, was born Dec. 13, 1941, at Fort Dodge. He died suddenly April 13, 1991, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan, at age 49 years and four months. He graduated from Manson High School in 1960, and from Southeast Community College in Milford, NE., in 1963. Dec. 2, 1963, he entered the U.S. Army. He was in the Military Police and served as a General's guard in Korea. After his honorable discharge Sept. 8, 1965, he returned to Iowa where he worked for Iowa Beef Packers and Western Iowa Pork as a construction supervisor specializing in

refrigeration.

Nov. 25, 1967, he married Barbara Lyon at Harlan. They are the parents of two children, Michael and Jennifer. He worked as a design engineer and construction supervisor for Spencer Foods, Schuyler, NE.; Missouri Beef Packers, Rock Port, MO., and Plainview, TX.; American Beef Packers, Omaha, NE., and Madison Foods, Madison, NE. In 1975, they returned to Harlan where they purchased Lyon Plumbing and Heating. In 1982, they sold the business and he became employed as plant engineer at Western Iowa Pork, a position he held until 1988. He was currently a sales engineer for Bond Equipment Corporation in Logan. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, and the Shelby County V.F.W., Post # 941, both of Harlan.

Preceding him in death was his father, Shirley Arthur, June 2, 1971. Surviving him is his wife, Barbara of Harlan; son, USMC Pvt. Michael Dean of San Diego, CA.; daughter, Jennifer Denise of Harlan; his mother, Mae Onnen of Manson; a brother, Larry Onnen (Mary) of Blair, NE., and a sister, Jill (Jim) Schubert of Manson and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 18, 1991 at First United Methodist Church in Harlan with Rev. D. Stephen Clinton, officiating. Military rites were conducted at the Harlan cemetery by the Shelby county V.F.W., Post #941 of Harlan. Casketbearers were Mike Dalton, Bernard Dirks, Scott Petersen, Gary O. Grams, Mike Wohlhutter, and Donald G. Harmon. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.