

## **Bill D. Pope, 60**

**AVOCA** – Bill Dean Pope was born in Avoca, March 21, 1928, the son of Merle and Mae Fish Pope. He was one of seven children in the family. He attended school in Avoca and Shelby. He served in the U.S. Navy during WW II and also during the Korean Conflict. During most of his life he was employed as a truck driver. He was employed by Henry G. Nelsen Trucking and he also worked eight years for Western Engineering of Harlan. The last three years he has been driving for Double S. Trucking in Omaha, NE. He married Janice Kobs Feb. 4, 1983 at Co. Bluffs. They made their home in Avoca. He was a member of the Fred Funston American Legion Post #227 in Avoca.

He died suddenly at his home in Avoca, Jan. 1, 1989 at age 60.

He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers, Edward Pope and Amassa (Hammer) Pope. He is survived by his wife, Janice and his mother, Mae Pope of Avoca; four step-children, Kevin Kobs of Co. Bluffs; Keith Kobs of Wichita, KS; Kim Kobs of Omaha, NE; and Kathy McTwiggan of Bullhead City, AZ; two step-grandchildren; two sisters, Alice Schueman and Shirley (Mrs Gary) Madden; two brothers, Claude Pope and Clarence Pope all living in Avoca; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held Jan. 4, 1989 at Buthusen-Knutson Funderal Home, Avoca with Pastor Robert Houser officiating. Burial was in Graceland cemetery, Avoca with Douglas Holtz, David Schueman, Kevin Krohn, Norman Woltmann, Gene Block and Kevin Kobs serving as casket bearers. Military graveside services by American Legion Post #227.