

## W.C. "Swede" Pattee, 80

March 6, 1927 - May 19, 2007

**AVOCA** - William Clarence Pattee, son of William J. and Alma W. Rock Pattee was born March 6, 1927 in rural Potawattamie County. He grew up on the Rock ranch south-east of Hancock. He attended country school and then graduated from Hancock High School in 1944. Swede was in the Navy from 1945 to 1946. After he was discharged he worked at the Alfalfa Mill and for Avoca Implement. Later he was co-owner of Ford Tractor; later Stempel Implement.



June 21, 1950 Swede married Norma J. Paulsen at the Lutheran Church in Avoca. In 1962 they purchased the Doll Insurance Agency which became Pattee Insurance. After thirty-two years they retired from the business then he worked for FS and was a hail adjuster. Norma and Swede then bought their RV and traveled yearly to Arizona and volunteered at the Tucson Open. After his heart attack he discovered woodworking and sold his crafts at local shows and gave them as gifts. He was very active in community organizations. Swede was a long standing member of the Avoca Fire Department, Avoca Fair Board, Avoca Centennial Committee, Mt. Nebo Masonic Lodge, Abu Bekr Shrine (Harlan T-Patrol), Trinity Lutheran Church and was a sixty year member of the American Legion. He died May 19, 2007 at Creighton Medical Center in Omaha, NE at age eighty years, two months and thirteen days.

Swede was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Edward and Lavern. Survivors include his wife Norma; his daughter Diane (Steve) Wendt and their children Christin and Roy of Denver, CO; his son Kurt Pattee and his children Nathan and Emily of Hancock; his sister Arlene Davis of Hancock; three brothers: Wallace Pattee (Shirley) of Shelby; Donald Pattee (Carol) of Avoca; Lawrence Pattee (Lavina) of Big Lake, MN; nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Memorial services were held May 24, 2007 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Pastor Dennis Reich officiating. Military Rites were held by the Fred Funston Post #227. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.