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## Delbert "Ras" Rasmussen, 82

*July 27, 1924 - Nov. 4, 2006*

**ELK HORN** — Delbert Dale, son of Joe and Hazel (Carter) Rasmussen, was born July 27, 1924, on a farm near Guthrie Center. 'Ras' attended country school near his home and then graduated from Guthrie Center High School in 1942. During World War II, he served with the United States Army (106th Division, 591st Field Artillery Battalion, Battery B) from 1942 – 1945 in the European Theater receiving three battle stars, including the Battle of the Bulge.

Feb. 14, 1947, Delbert married Elva Brokaw in Audubon. They lived in Harlan the first eight months of married life where he worked for Squealer Feeds and Rendering Co. In October of 1947, they moved to Elk Horn where he was manager of the elevator then owned by Squealer Feeds. When the elevator was sold, Delbert and Elva bought the Elk Horn building in 1949, which they owned for seven years. Delbert and Elva were the parents of two daughters, Nancy and Eileen, born during this time. In 1959, he bought the tavern from Otto Petersen, renaming his new business Ras's Recreation. He owned this business for 26 years before selling it to Merle Hartvigsen. He was a member of Elk Horn Lutheran Church where he had been baptized and confirmed. He served on the church council, Elk Horn city council, volunteer fire department and the Windmill board. For the past 10 years he has put up the American and Danish flags on Elk Horn's Main Street. He was also a member of the Better Elk Horn Club, Optimist Club, American Legion Post 322 and AmVets Post 51. In late September 2006, Delbert was in the hospital for routine surgery. However, his health continued to deteriorate and he died Nov. 4, 2006 at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha at age 82 years, three months and eight days.

Preceding Delbert in death are his parents; daughter, Eileen Rasmussen, wife

