

Gary A. Roskens, 54

Sept. 17, 1943 - Oct. 27, 1997

AVOCA - Gary Arnold Roskens was born in Spencer, Sept. 17, 1943, son of Arnold and Peggy Stough Roskens, and was one of four children in the family. He attended country school and Everly Public School, graduating in 1962. Following graduation, he moved to California and then entered the Army for two years and then returned to Everly.

He married Kathi Keefer and they were the parents of one son, Todd.

In 1974, he moved to Schuyler, NE and married Marian Rieck Jan. 3, 1976, in Schuyler. They were the parents of three children, Timothy, Robin and Tommy. In 1981, the family moved to Avoca, where they presently live. He was a supervisor for Nebraska Beef in Omaha. He was a member of the Hancock United Methodist Church. He died suddenly Oct. 27, 1997, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital following an apparent heart attack at age 54 years, one month and 10 days.

He was preceded in death by his father, Arnold, and a brother, David. He is survived by his wife, Mary; three sons, Todd Roskens of Spencer; Timothy Roskens of Hancock and Tommy Roskens of Avoca; and one daughter, Robin Roskens of Avoca; his mother, Peggy Roskens of San Diego, CA; two sisters, Sandy Callahan of San Diego, CA and Margie DeSantis of Collins Lake, NJ; nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 30, 1997, at the United Methodist Church, Hancock, with Rev. Dr. Judy R. Flanegin officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery, Avoca, with military graveside services by the American Legion Post #227 of Avoca. Casket bearers were Dennis Loftis, Bill Myers, Harley Spencer, Rev. Douglas Cue, Eugene Sornsen, Don Beatty, Gene Mohr, Robert Bryant. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.