

Kenneth E. Schaaf, 79

Oct. 18, 1918 - Nov. 2, 1997

AVOCA - Kenneth Eugene Schaaf was born on a farm southeast of Avoca Oct. 18, 1918, son of Johannes and Rose Wineland Schaaf. He was one of two children in the family. He attended country school and the Avoca High School and graduated in 1936. He entered the service in 1942 and served overseas in New Guinea. He later joined the 33rd Division in Luzon on the Philippines. He was discharged from the service in 1946.

He married Marjory Stinson in Gainesville, FL, July 24, 1943. They were the parents of two children, Theadra Jean and Richard Eugene. He farmed with his father until 1965, when he took over the family farm. He continued to farm until 1983, when he retired from farming. He and Marjory moved to Avoca in 1990. He was a pilot and spent many hours in his airplane flying over the area. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, a past master of the Mt. Nebo Masonic Lodge in Avoca, and was a member of the Za Ga Zig Shrine Temple in Des Moines. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital Nov. 2, 1997, at age 79 years and 15 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife, Marjory; their two children, Theadra (Dr. Robert) Houser of Wheeling, WV, and Richard Schaaf (Darlene) of Denver, IA; five grandchildren, Jason West (Debi); Jennifer West; Jerrod Houser; Kenny and Ethan Schaaf; his sister, Geraldine (Arnold) Thomsen of Avoca; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 5, 1997, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Pastor Paul Bengtson officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery with military graveside services by the American Legion Post & VFW, Avoca. Casket bearers were Leo Voggesser, Ken Martin, Wayne Krohn, Leonard Bauer, Olie Pash and Robert Jensen. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.