

## Joseph "Gene" Staub, 84

Sept 1, 1922 - June 22, 2007

**AVOCA** – Joseph Eugene Staub, the son of Emil and Addie Mae Gilliam Staub, was born Sept. 1, 1922 on a farm near Avoca. He attended grade school at the New-town School and attended Avoca High School.

Gene married Eleanor Klindt Aug. 15, 1943 in Omaha, NE, while he was on leave from military duty and to this union four daughters were born; Lois, Linda, Sherri and Diane. He started out in the Air Corps, but after D-Day Gene was transferred to ground duty with the 773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion, which often spearheaded for the 90th Infantry where he was awarded the bronze star. The whole group was under General George Patton. His military group assisted in the liberation of a concentration camp. When Gene was sent overseas Eleanor moved to Avoca and waited for Gene's return. After his honorable discharge from the Army in February 1946 he returned to Avoca where he worked in the dairy business. They farmed in the Avoca and Shelby area until 1955 when they moved to a farm in the Hancock-Oakland area. They lived there until 1981 when they moved to their new home in Avoca. Gene also was employed as a hail adjuster. Eleanor died in December 1989.

Gene married Flora McHugh Sept. 1, 1996. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and a member and was past Commander of VFW Post No. 4279. Gene was a firm believer in farm conservation. In 1960, he received the Iowa award for conservation in the Landlord Tenant Division. He died June 22, 2007 at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs at age eighty-four years, nine months and twenty-one days.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Eleanor, and two brothers, Herman and Glenn. Survivors include his wife, Flora of Avoca; his daughters: Lois (Michael) Chaffee of Wadsworth, OH; Linda (Richard) Seehase of Ozark, MO; Sherri (Brian) Ballinger of Hollandale, MS and Diane (Richard) Ellison of Acworth, GA; his step children; Sandra McHugh of Omaha, NE; Lyle McHugh (Janet) of Tarkio, MO; Michael McHugh (Carol) of Burlington Junction, MO; Deloid McHugh of Denison; Marilyn (Scott) Hintz of Carlisle; Karen (Paul) Reidell of Breda; seven grandchildren; fourteen step grandchildren; five great grandchildren; eight step great grandchildren; one sister, Aletha (Robert) Buck of Shelby; sister-in-law Phyllis Staub of Fountain, MN; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 26, 2007 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Pastor Dennis Reich officiating. Casket bearers were David Buck, Brian Ballinger, Richard Seehase, Richard Ellison, Bob Buck and Michael Chaffee. Military rites were performed by the Fred Funston Post No. 227 with burial in the Graceland Cemetery. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.

