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## **Delmar Wendt, 86**

*July 3, 1915 – Feb. 16, 2002*

**AVOCA** – Delmar Dietrich Wendt was born southwest of Avoca, July 3, 1915, son of Albert and Regina Dietrich Wendt. He attended country school and graduated from the Avoca High School with the class of 1932. He entered the Army June 27, 1941, and served with the Army Air Force as a mechanic. He was stationed in England, and was a participant with the Invasion of Europe on D-Day. He was honorably discharged Aug. 29, 1945. He had earned five Bronze Stars during his time of service. When he returned to Avoca, he worked at Ruback's Grocery Store. He then worked for Swift and had an egg and cream route in the Avoca and Treynor areas. He retired in the early 80's. He died Feb. 16, 2002, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 86 years, six months and 13 days.

Delmar is preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Carl, Clarence and William; his sisters, Gertrude Oldenburg and Esther. He is survived by his brother, Raymond Wendt of Stratton, NE; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 19, 2002, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Lou Hoger and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery with military services by the Fred Funston Post #227. Honorary casket bearers were Dean Oldenburg, Russell Knuth, Clarence Wendt, Jr. and Willis Wendt. Casket bearers were Robert Wendt, Eugene Wendt, Clyde Peters, Sam Simpson, Dennis Jacobsen and Lyle Peters. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.