

Ernest Wendt, 76

May 14, 1922 – April 18, 1999

AVOCA – Ernest Gustav Paul Wendt was born May 14, 1922, east of Avoca. He was one of six children born to Gustav and Marie Noller Wendt. He graduated from the Avoca High School in 1940, and then served in the Army during World War II.

He married Reva M. Pedersen Nov. 20, 1946, in Harlan. After years of farming and other jobs, Ernie sold feed for Moormans, from which he retired in 1985. He was an active member of the United Church of Avoca and was also a member of the American Legion. He died at his home April 18, 1999, at age 76 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Reva, in 1987; and two brothers, Robert and Oscar. He is survived by his children, Karen Wendt of Des Moines; Steve Wendt (Diane) and their children, Chris and Roy of Lenexa, KS; and Kathi (Dave) Burmeister and their children, Scott, Sarah and Skyler of Hancock; two sisters, Phyllis (Glenn) Staub of Fountain, MN and Laura Shepard of Omaha; one brother, Walter Wendt of Omaha and a sister-in-law, Meryldean Wendt; a special sister-in-law, Janis Ronnfeldt, and two special friends, Vince Archer and Sheryl Dinklage.

Funeral services were held April 21, 1999, at the United Church of Avoca with Rev. Will Bynagte officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Wayne Paulsen, Orvie Fisher, Earl Lippold, Herman Harvey, John Maassen, Sam Simpson, Richard Sievers, Robert Sievers, Dr. Robert Wunder and Orlan White. Casket bearers were Vince Archer, Edwin Weis, Lyle Peters, Wallace Pattee, Ernie Schnack and Don Hipnar. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.