

Norman Woltmann, 86

Oct. 26, 1924 - June 24, 2011

AVOCA — Norman Maassen

Woltmann was born on October 26, 1924 in Harlan, to Adolph and Lillie (Maassen) Woltmann. He attended Harlan and Shelby schools and graduated from Shelby High School with the Class of 1942. After graduation, he farmed with his dad.

Norman was united in marriage to Bernice Kubelek in 1945 and became a self-employed truck driver for twenty years. He drove for Henry G. Nelsen until 1973 when he bought his own truck.

June 19, 1976, Norman was united in marriage to Ellen Knauss in Omaha, NE. He taught her how to drive a semi and they trucked together for seven years. In February of 1984, they bought the Nieman Pool Hall and started a restaurant called the Heritage Inn in Avoca. They ran the restaurant together for over seventeen years until retiring in October of 2000. They enjoyed spending their winters in Arizona. Norman collected John Deere tractors and enjoyed pulling at antique tractor pulls. He also liked restoring old cars and pickups with the help of his friend Kenny Kohl. Norman loved music; especially polka. Ellen and Norman went to several polka fests in Nebraska and Arizona. Norman became a resident of the Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center where he died on Friday, June 24, 2011, having attained the age of eighty-six years, seven months, and twenty-nine days.

Norman was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Ellen. He is survived by his daughter Cheri and her husband Dennis Hoffmann of Avoca; son Robert Knauss of Panama City Beach, FL; seven grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; his sister Nadine Wurtz of Corvallis, OR; a niece and nephew of Oregon; other family members and friends.

Pastor Dennis Reich officiated the 10:00 a.m. funeral service on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca. Honorary casket bearers were Aaron Pattee, Nolan Pattee, Mike Lea-Scandrett, Gabe Lea-Scandrett, Dennis Lea-Scandrett, Sarah Casey, and Melissa Christian. Serving as casket bearers were Marlin Andersen, Marty Schuemann, Richard Petersen, Denny Langer, Wayne Krohn, Doug Brown, Mark Wise, and Don Nielsen. Interment was held at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca.



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