

Victor Wunder, 90

Feb. 2, 1919 - Feb. 28, 2009

AVOCA — Victor Orval Wunder was born on February 2, 1919, to Herman and Alvena (Meves) Wunder in Jacksonville. He was baptized in Walnut. He attended school at Cuppy's Grove Country School.



As a child, Victor delivered groceries and met Mildred Jensen, whom he married on November 21, 1943 in Harlan. Three daughters were born to this union: Judy, Vicky, and Lori. Victor enlisted in the United States Navy, serving aboard the USS New Orleans and was in six major battles in the Pacific. After the bow of his ship was lost in a night battle in November of 1942, he spent his remaining enlistment in the United States. He was very proud of his military service and was able to visit the World War II Memorial and was at the commissioning of the fourth successor of his ship in 2007. The family moved to Avoca where he became a partner with Mildred's parents in J & W Hardware store. In 1961 he spent nineteen years with H. G. Nelsen Truckline in Omaha, becoming a partner with several others in 1980. For over thirty years he was an avid bowler and played golf. He tried to go to every game his grandchildren were in and support them in their school activities. He was a member of the VFW, a past president of Rotary Club, and a long-time member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Victor was a resident of Avoca Nursing and Rehab Center and died at the University of Nebraska Medical Center on February 28, 2009, having attained the age of ninety years and twenty-six days.

Victor was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Mildred, his sister Anna Paulson, and his brothers: Albert, Arnold, Herman, and Edmund Wunder. He is survived by his daughters: Judy and her husband Mike Leed of Anita, Vicky and her husband Charles Geers of Dyersville, and Lori and her husband Mike Sampson of Avoca; his grandchildren: Amber Kelly; Christopher Geers; Ryan Leed; Jennifer Riley; Michelle Freeman; Julie Guyer; Kevin Wheatley and Erica Bontrager; seventeen great-grandchildren; his brother Leo Wunder of Woodland, CA; sister-in-law Arline Gans; other family members and many friends.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, March 5, 2009 with Pastor Dennis Reich leading the 10:30 AM service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca. Honorary casket bearers were Jerry and Joyce Mez, Paul Freeman, Bob and Dorothea Paulsen, Marvin and Barb Piittmann, Ernie Hogeland, John and Betty

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Oehlertz, and the residents and staff of Avoca Assisted Living and Nursing Home. Serving as casket bearers were Christopher Geers, Bryan Leed, Kevin Wheatley, Larry Wunder, Charles Christensen, Brian Kelly, Wayne Riley, and Brian Snyder. Military Rites were held at Grace-land Cemetery in Avoca by the Fred Funston

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