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Thomas Pederson, 53

Thomas Allan Pederson, son of Olga and Albert Pederson was born May 26, 1930 at Iowa City. He was educated at the Manly public schools. During the Korean conflict he served four years in the U.S. Army where he was awarded the Purple Heart and Korean Service Metal with three Bronze Service Stars. He was employed in Mason City for a number of years before moving to the Corley area where he worked for Bill Babbit.

In 1959 he was employed at the Iowa Western Pork Plant in Harlan where he worked for 13 years. On April 25, 1970 he married Ethel Norris at Papillion, Neb. Due to failing health he retired to Beaver Crossing, Neb., in 1975 and has resided in Fairmont, Neb., Denison, Mesa, Ariz. and Lincoln, Neb. since.

He was a member of the First Christian church of Harlan. He died on Sunday, Oct. 23, 1983 at the Maplewood Care Center in Lincoln, Neb., at the age of 53 years, four months and 27 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Ethel of Fairmont, Neb.; two daughters Linda Smith of Mesz, Ariz. and Lonna Anastasi of Fairmont, Neb. He is also survived by four grandchildren Danny, Charlotte, Shannon and Dale and one great granddaughter Shantelle.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 27, 1983 at the Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. Don Schoepf, officiating. Burial was in the Dow City cemetery with Don Clark, Brian Nelson, Gerald McCord, John McNerney, Darrell Burger and Gerald Summers serving as casketbearers.
