

Robert A. Boysen, 71

Jan. 24, 1926 - Jan. 14, 1998

PARK RAPIDS, MN - Robert Arthur Boysen, son of Arthur and Mabel (McIntosh) Boysen, was born in Atlantic, Jan. 24, 1926. He lived in Corley, and attended school in Harlan, where he graduated in 1943. He entered the Navy and served in WW II from 1943-1947, working as a ship's engine technician.

June 26, 1948, he married Shirley Rattenborg in Harlan. The couple farmed near Avoca. In 1967, he started a seed and chemical business and in 1973, began an elevator business known as Bob Boysen & Son Elevators in Avoca. After his retirement in 1989, he and Shirley began spending winters in Tucson, AZ, and summers in Minnesota. His health problems caused the couple to settle in Park Rapids, MN in 1995. He was a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan, and the Fred Funston American Legion Post #227 in Avoca. He died Jan. 14, 1998, at his Park Rapids, MN home at age 71 years, 11 months and 21 days.

Preceding him in death were his parents. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Boysen of Park Rapids, MN; four sons, H. James (Janice) Boysen of Shelby; Thomas (Nancy) Boysen of Co. Bluffs; Ronald (Peg) Boysen of Couderay, WI and Greg (Connie) Boysen of Harlan; two daughters, JoAnn (Steve) Schauer of Park Rapids, MN and Marsha (Brad) Larson of Sioux Center; one sister; 12 grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 17, 1998, at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan, with Rev. Gary Nienkamp officiating. Casket bearers were George Wise, Francis Wise, Wayne Nielsen, Kent Morgan, Bryan Simonsen and James Leslie. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery with graveside military rites by the Fred Funston A.L. Post #227. Burmeister Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.