

Ronald E. Coffman, 66

Oct. 31, 1931 - July 29, 1998 ✓

MINDEN - Ronald Eugene Coffman was born near Guthrie Center, Oct. 31, 1931, son of Claude and Emma Faye Smith Coffman. He was one of five children in the family. He attended school in Guthrie Center and graduated in 1949.

He married Ida Ruth Sanger April 17, 1949 at Guthrie Center. They were the parents of two daughters, Cathy and Nancy. They farmed the Coffman family farm near Guthrie Center until 1952, when they moved to Shelby, where he worked for his brother, Melvin, in his produce business. In 1958 they moved to Minden where he operated his own produce business until 1961 when they purchased the bar at the Minden Bowl. In 1983 they purchased the Minden Bowl Lounge and Cafe and operated that business until May of 1997, when they sold the business. Ron was a member of the Silentia Lodge #317 at Shelby, and the Tangier Shrine Temple in Omaha. He died at his home in Minden, July 29, 1998, at age 66 years, eight months and 28 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Melvin Coffman. He is survived by his wife, Ida Ruth; their daughters, Cathy (Clifford) Killpack of Neola and Nancy (John) Nielsen of Dow City; five grandchildren, David, Jonathan and Steven Killpack, Jessica and Brent Nielsen; three sisters, Iris (Dave) Erb of Buhl, ID; Ruby Deckman of Stanton, CA and Nadine Miles of St. George, UT; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Aug. 1, 1998, at the United Church of Christ, Minden, with Rev. Dean Sparr officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were Gus Hartje, Earl Bintz, Fred Klahn, Eldon Jensen, Jerry Ellerbroek and Dick Siebels. Casket bearers were Bud Bandow, Rich Armstrong, Gary Wedel, Bob Siebels, Dean Olson and Jerry Zimmerman. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.