

**Raymond Gubbels, 70**

Sept. 26, 1939 - Feb. 5, 2010

**AVOCA** — Raymond Eugene "Bunny" Gubbels was born on September 26, 1939 in Portsmouth, to Lawrence and Eva (Leinen) Gubbels. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth, and attended school at St. Mary's, graduating with the Class of 1958. He worked for La Sourd Grocery Store and delivered feed before becoming employed by the beef plant in Oakland. He worked there until 1985.

August 7, 1965, Raymond was united in marriage to Carol Bruck at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Three sons were born to this union: Lenny, Jeff, and Tim. The family lived in Portsmouth until moving to Harlan in 1967. Two years later they moved to Avoca and had been at home there ever since. Bunny had been working for Sta-Bilt Construction Company in Harlan, as a heavy equipment operator on the road construction crew until his ill health forced him into retirement in the summer of 2009. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and taking the grandkids shopping. He would harvest black walnuts and was known to do some polka dancing and a mean chicken dance. He always carried a pocket knife and would always be whittling something. Raymond "Bunny" Gubbels died at his home on Friday, February 5, 2010, having attained the age of seventy years, four months, and ten days.



Raymond was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of forty-four years Carol Gubbels of Avoca; sons: Lenny Gubbels and his wife Cathy of Council Bluffs, Jeff "Weasel" Gubbels of Treynor, and Tim "T-Bone" Gubbels and his wife Teena of Avoca; eight grandchildren; brothers: Gerald Gubbels and his wife Rita of Council Bluffs, Vernon Gubbels and his wife Carol of Yankton, SD, Marvin Gubbels and his wife Judy of Penitas, TX, and Lawrence Gubbels and his wife Joan of Council Bluffs; sister Dorothy and her husband Ken Arkfeld of Defiance; other family members and many friends.

Rev. John Frost officiated the 11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avoca Monday, February 8, 2010. Serving as casket bearers were Marshall Burchett, Keith Burchett, Gary Wendelin, Doug Brown, Ken Brown, and Charles Ronnfeldt. A private inurnment was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Portsmouth.

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