

## Robert Hinz, 82

*Dec. 21, 1924 - June 11, 2007*

**MINDEN** — Robert Lee Hinz, the son of Clarence and Bertha Wunder Hinz, was born on a farm near Avoca Dec. 21, 1924. He was baptized and confirmed at the First Lutheran Church of Avoca. He began his schooling in Oakland until the family moved back to Avoca. He attended school at New Boston Country School and then Avoca High School graduating with the class of 1942. Robert farmed with his father until entering into the United States Army March 21, 1945 in Fort Leavenworth, KS. After returning from the Army, Robert met his future wife, Barbara Griffith of Walnut.

Robert married Barbara Sept 19, 1948, at the Walnut Presbyterian Church. After their marriage, they moved to Minden where they started farming. To this union two daughters were born, Debra and Laurie. In 1976 they purchased the family farm from Roberts parents and in 1990 they received the Century Farm Award. He continued to farm until his retirement in 2000. In June of 2005 he moved to the Avoca Assisted Living Lodge. He was a member of the Avoca Fair Board and was also a past president. He was a sixty-year member of the Fred Funston American Legion, a member of the Minden Volunteer Fire and Rescue and also a member of the Minden United Church of Christ. He died June 11, 2007, at the Avoca Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at age 82 years, five months and 21 days.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Barbara. Survivors include his daughters, Debbie (Tom) Minahan of Neola and Laurie (Bill) Fell of Avoca; six grandchildren, April Davidson; Matt Minahan; Traci Huebner; Drew, Nate and Gabe Fell; four great-grandchildren, Cainan, Josie and Ryder Davidson and Holden Minahan; one brother, Richard Hinz (Patricia) of Bondurant; his special friend, Marilyn Holdren of Harlan; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held June 14, 2007 at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca with Pastor Donna Ewerts officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Vernon Hinz, Norman Nielsen, Zachary Davidson and Richard J. Hinz, Jr. Casket bearers were Drew Fell, Gabriel Fell, Matthew Minahan, Daniel Hinz, Nathan Fell and Robert Huebner. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery.