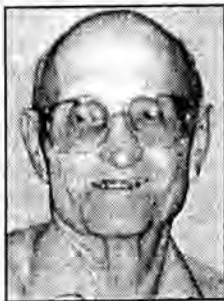


## Otis L. Jensen, 78

*Jan. 25, 1921 - Jan. 10, 2000*

**MELROSE** - Otis "Oat" LeRoy Jensen was born Jan. 25, 1921, to Edna M. (Miller) and Peter J. Jensen on a farm near Kirkman. At the age of ten, he moved with his family to a farm near Lorimor. He attended country school in Madison County. Upon completing school, he attempted a career in boxing participating in an Amateur Golden Gloves Tournament in Des Moines, as well as other Iowa locations. In his early life, he was employed at an ammunition plant in St. Louis, MO, and by the railroad in Co. Bluffs. Creating a livestock artificial insemination operation with his brother, he worked in the Winterset area and later on his own in the Indianola, Boone and Denison areas. He served in the United States Naval Reserve from June 1943 to June 1952. Otis died Jan. 10, 2000, near his residence at age 78 years, 11 months and 16 days.



In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Leo, John and Leland Jensen. Survivors include his brothers, Melvin Jensen of Winterset; Edward Jensen (Maxine) of Winterset; sister, Lettie (LeRoy) Loper of Co. Bluffs; sister-in-law, Nadine Jensen of Co. Bluffs; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 13, 2000, at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Terry Kerr officiating. Burial was in Bowman's Grove Cemetery in Center Township, with Elmer Miller, Bob J. Jensen, Doyle Jensen, Dennis Jensen, Charles Wooster and Darrell Jensen casket bearers.