

Herman "Bing" Lohafer, 74

May 31, 1927 - Feb. 11, 2002

AVOCA - Herman August Lohafer was born May 31, 1927, on a farm near Holstein. He was one of three sons born to Edward and Hannah Jessen Lohafer. After graduating from Holstein High School in 1945, Bing served two years with the U.S. Navy. He was stationed near Pearl Harbor and received training with IBM machines at Honolulu, HI. In 1948, he was employed at Iowa Nebraska Transportation Co., Inc. handling freight bill IBM machine bookkeeping. After Iowa Nebraska Transportation Company was sold, Bing started working for Takin Brothers Freight Company until he and Ernie Hogeland became partners and started H & L Transportation. In 1960, Bing sold his interests to Ernie and began working with Arno Schriefer in the insurance business. Bing sold his business upon retiring in 1992.

He married Joan Kaven June 3, 1951. They were the parents of two children, Brian and Jill. He had been active in many community organizations, including Avoca Promotions, Avoca Rotary, Avoca Business and Professional, Trinity Lutheran Church, American Legion, Masonic Lodge and Tangier Shrine Temple. He had served as president of the Church Council and was presently a director of Midstates Bank. Bing died suddenly Feb. 11, 2002, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital at age 74 years, eight months and 11 days.

His parents and his brother, Floyd, and one sister-in-law, Dorothy Lohafer, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Joan of Avoca; his son, Brian (Tina) of Maryville, MO; and his daughter, Jill (Darrell) Stamp of Walnut; his grandchildren, Brooke of Manhattan, KS; Keri of Chicago, IL; Erin of Maryville, MO; Adam of Wenona, IL and Erica of Walnut; one brother, Walter Lohafer of Holstein; and his sister-in-law, Ida Mae Lohafer of Fort Dodge; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 14, 2002, at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor Lou Hoger and Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Avoca American Legion Post #227. Casket bearers were Tim Lohafer, Mark Lohafer, Joel Lohafer, Scott Kaven, Max Petersen and Dennis Phillips. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.