

Robert Maassen, 84

Jan. 23, 1920 - Dec. 21, 2004

AVOCA — Robert William Maassen, son of William Henry and Emma C. Andresen Maassen, was born Jan. 23, 1920, on the family farm south of Avoca. He attended country school at Valley No. 2 where his father was director. He graduated from Avoca High School in 1937. Upon graduation from high school, he went to California to work in an aircraft factory. He then enlisted in the United States Marine Corp in 1944, and served in the South Pacific and participated in the Iwo Jima invasion. He was honorably discharged in July of 1946.

April 13, 1949, Bob married Margaret Scheuman in Avoca. Two daughters were born to this union, Sharlene and Kristie. He was employed at the International Implement and later was a partner in the P&M Implement. He became manager of Stempel Implement Company and worked there for 30 years, before retiring in 1985. Robert was a member and past commander of the Fred Funston Post No. 227 of Avoca, past president of the Avoca Fair Board Association, a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church and president of the church council, and past president of the Avoca Business Association. He died Dec. 21, 2004, at Bergan Mercy Hospital in Omaha, NE, at age 84 years, 10 months and 29 days.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his sister, Anna Burmeister; brother Edward Maassen; and son-in-law, Allan Kite. Survivors include his wife, Margaret of Avoca; his daughters, Sharlene (Tim) McGlynn of Richland Center, WI; Kristie Kite of Atlantic; his four grandchildren, Chad McGlynn (Shelly) of Richland Center, WI; Ryan McGlynn (Rachel) of Eau Claire, WI; Alex Kite of Ames; Anna Kite of Atlantic; three great-grandchildren, Katie, Nathan and Alisha McGlynn; his brother and sister, Frank Maassen of Oakland, Esther (Harris) Heft of Avoca; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Dec. 23, 2004, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca, with Pastor Bernard Daiker officiating. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery in Avoca, with graveside military rites by the Fred Funston Post #227 of Avoca. Casket bearers were Alex Kite, Ryan McGlynn, Chad McGlynn, V.E. "Ernie" Hogeland, Anna Kite and Paul Simonsen. Pauley Jones Funeral Home, Avoca Chapel, in charge of arrangements.