

David Nelson, 68

July 16, 1932 – Nov. 4, 2000

OAKLAND – David Harold Nelson was born July 16, 1932, in rural Anita, the son of Harold and Frances Williams Nelson, and was the oldest of four children in the family. He attended elementary school in the Anita, Casey and Adair school systems. In 1944, the family moved to Avoca, and he attended school in Avoca. He graduated from the Shelby Community High School in 1951. David enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1952, and served during the Korean Conflict. When his tour of duty was completed in 1954, he left the military with the rank of Staff Sergeant and was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars. David was a 40 year member of the Fred Funston American Legion Post in Avoca.

He married Margie Freese Nov. 20, 1955, in Minden. They were the parents of three children, Sherry, David Allan and Harold. David and his family farmed in the Avoca, Minden and Oakland areas. He raised and trained horses. He died at his home in rural Oakland, Nov. 4, 2000, at age 68 years, three months and 19 days.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Frances Nelson; and two brothers-in-law, Irwin Andersen of Avoca and Ronald Palmer of Clara City, MN. He is survived by his wife, Margie; his daughter, Sherry Nelson of Euless, TX; and his two sons, David Allan Nelson of Shenandoah and Harold Nelson of Mazepa, MN; his sisters, LaVere Andersen of Avoca; Louene Palmer of Clara City and Darlene (Marlin) Andersen of Avoca; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Nov. 7, 2000, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, Avoca, with Lay Assistant Wayne Paulsen officiating. Burial was in the Dalmanutha Cemetery, Casey, with graveside military rites by the American Legion Fred Funston Post #227. Casket bearers were Rod Andersen, Brian Boeck, Jim Young, Mark Aust, Todd Palmer, Brian Kimpling and Terry Gleaves. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.