

Merlin L. King, 47

Coon Rapids — Merlin Louis King, son of Eugene and Hattie Weed King was born Aug. 22, 1933 near Charter Oak in Crawford county. He attended rural school near Kenwood and finished school in Kiron. He served in armed forces in Germany during 1955-56.

He married Dorothy Irlbeck on Aug. 31, 1957. They farmed on the family farm for two years and then moved to the Coon Rapids area to farm. He died Saturday, April 18, 1981 at Crawford County hospital in Denison at age 47 years, 7 months and 26 days.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Judy, his parents; by a sister, Evelyn (Mrs Lloyd) Podey; by a brother, Robert, and two sisters, Mildred and Ethel Marie. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy and his children, Ronald of Coon Rapids; Dennis, Douglas, Randall, Janice and Jody, all at home; one grandson; two brothers; Vernon King of Ute; and Roy King of Duncan, Okla.; two sisters; Delores, (Mrs John) Jessen of Denison and Pearl (Mrs Edwin) Schau of Denison; aunts and uncles; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 21, 1981 at Annunciation church in Coon Rapids with Fr. E.V. Carpenter, officiating. Burial was in Annunciation cemetery with Shawn King, Scott King, Larry Podey, Steven Schau, Kevin Aschinger, Steve Bohm, Tim Wilson and Jeffrey Mengwasser serving as pallbearers. Military honors were held by Guernsey Parker Post No. 357 of the American Legion of Coon Rapids.