

John Norgaard, 57

John Merrill Norgaard, son of Bertha Jensen and Otto M. Norgaard was born April 21, 1923, near Audubon. He died Friday, March 6, 1981, at Jennie Edmundson hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 57 years, 10 months and 15 days. He attended the Harlan schools and graduated from the Harlan high school in 1941. From 1941-46, he worked on his father's farm. He was employed at Tredway Implement as a parts man before and after serving in the Army from April of 1946 to May of 1947.

On March 17, 1946, he married Dorothy Savereide at Harlan. This union was blessed with two children. He has been employed at the Harlan Nishnabotna Valley Rural Electrification Cooperative for 20 years. For the past 13 years he has been with the United States Department of Agriculture as a Power Requirement's Officer for REA.

On Nov. 22, 1980, he married Janet M. Heyde Cooper at the Harlan United Methodist church. He was baptized at the Merrills Grove Baptist church on July 2, 1933. He was a member of the United Methodist church and active in the church choir. He was a former member of: Harlan Odd Fellows Lodge No. 267, Harlan City Council and Harlan Barber Shop Quartet & Chorus.

He was preceded in death by his father, Otto. Survivors include his wife, Janet of Harlan, a son, Fred of Golden Valley, MN.; a daughter - Mrs Kathryn S. Welch of Chicago, Ill.; his mother - Mrs Bertha Norgaard of Clarks Grove, MN.; two sisters - Mrs Joan Jensen of Brunsville, MN., and Mrs Elinor Paulson of Albert Lea, MN.; three step sons - Rick

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Cooper of Omaha; Gene Cooper of Schuyler and Michael Cooper at home, one step daughter - Mrs Beth Petersen of Avoca; two grandchildren - Michael and Michelle Norgaard and two step granddaughters - Erica Petersen and Heidi Cooper, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 9, 1981 at Burmeister Funeral Home in Harlan with Dr. Larry LaVelle, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Edwin Swank, Paul E. Kriss, Ronald Dvorak, LaVerne Koppold, Richard F. Alvord, Gerald O. Stephens and Arnold R. Christensen serving as honoary bearers and John Allen, Eugene Barry, Jerry Larson, Darrell D. Muller, Bruce Christensen and Robert D. Christensen serving as casketbearers.