

## Ned C. Thies, 57

**MINDEN** - Ned Chris Thies was born in Co. Bluffs on May 25, 1930, the son of Chris John Thies and his wife Wilma M. Trede. He attended school at the Shelby High School. He served in the U.S. Army from April 15, 1953 to March 31, 1955.

He married Shirley Russmann on Feb. 19, 1956. They made their home on a farm southeast of Minden. They were the parents of four children: Stan, David, Jon and Kristi. He started auctioneering in 1958, and continued until 1986 when he was injured in an automobile accident.

He was a member of the United Church of Christ in Minden, the Fred Funston American Legion, Post #227, Abue-Bekr, Tangier and Botna Valley Shrine Clubs, Silentia Lodge No. 371, and the Arrowhead Apaloosa Assoc. He died at the St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, NE, Feb. 15, 1988 at age 57 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Thomas. He is survived by his wife, Shirley of Avoca; his children; Stan of Shelby; David of Avoca; Jon, serving in the U.S. Navy stationed in Australia, and daughter, Kristi of Avoca, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Feb. 20, 1988 at Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home, Avoca with Pastor Harold Peterson and Rev. Selva Lehman officiating. Burial was in the Minden cemetery. Honorary bearers were Gary Wendelin, Jim Stephens, Dr. Max Olsen, Jerry Smith, Daniel Willett, Ed Morris, Irvin Hundt, Ray Carr, William Brich, Larry Allen, Kirk Henningsen, Rudy Willett, Jr., Dr. Roy Schultz, DVM, Robert Hoffmann and Eugene Schuster. Serving as casketbearers were Theodore Trede, Edwin Bladt, Edwin Nihsen, David Wahling, Robert Hundt and Keith Kay.