

## Richard Schneckloth, 89

*July 9, 1917 - Jan. 6, 2007*

**NEOLA** — Richard Rudolph Schneckloth, son of Carl H. "Charley" and Margaret (Schutt) Schneckloth, was born July 9, 1917, in Benson, MN. Their family moved to the Council Bluffs area near Lake Manawa. He attended school at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs. After school, he moved to the Minden area and farmed with his parents and worked as a hired hand for neighboring farmers. He entered the United States Army March 18, 1942, at Ft. Des Moines. While in the army he served his country in the Signal Corp repairing equipment during World War II in Naples, Rome, Greece and Africa. He was honorably discharged from Ft. Leavenworth, KS Oct. 12, 1945.

Dec. 18, 1949, Richard married Emma Sick in Harlan. After their marriage, they rented a farm outside of Harlan until 1956 when they moved to a farm near Neola. They were the parents of four children, Dennis, Diane, Charlene and Roger. Emma died March 15, 1963, and Richard continued to make his home on the farm near Neola.

Nov. 25, 1966, Richard married Doris Felton in Neola. They were the parents of four children, Terry, Ken, Tom and Mike. They made their home in Neola where he worked as a general contractor specializing in plumbing and carpentry. He continued working out of his home until his retirement in 1994. Doris died Oct. 17, 2000, and he continued to make his home in Neola until November of 2006 when he moved to the Oakland Manor. He died Jan. 6, 2007, at Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, at age 89 years, five months and 28 days.

In addition to his parents and wives, Richard was preceded in death by his daughter, Diane, and his son, Terry. He is survived by his children, Dennis Schneckloth (Barb) of Oakland; Charlene Lancaster of Colorado Springs, CO; Roger Schneckloth (Beth) of Neola; Ken Schneckloth of Neola; Tom Schneckloth (Kelli) of Minden; Mike Schneckloth of Neola; his son-in-law, Rick Lancaster, of Colorado Springs; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his sister, Evelyn Stortenbecker of Treynor; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 11, 2007, with Pastor Dean Sparr officiating. Casket bearers were Rick Fox, Dick Fox, Quentin Stortenbecker, Ron Stortenbecker, Steve Cary and Dustin Cary. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery with Military graveside rites by the American Legion Post No. 437 of Minden and American Legion Post No. 330 of Neola. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca in charge of arrangements.