



Orlen Walter Rohlfen

November 16, 1932 - September 26, 2012

Orlen W. Rohlfen, age 79, of Newell, Iowa died September 26, 2012 at St. Luke Regional Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa. Orlen Walter Rohlfen was born on November 16, 1932 in Marcus, Iowa the son of Orville and Clara (Beerman) Rohlfen. He was baptized and confirmed in Germantown, Iowa. Growing up, he attended Paullina High School and then attended South Dakota State University for a short period. In 1950, he enlisted in the United States Navy and spent four years in the Mediterranean area until he was honorably discharged in 1954. On April 15, 1956, Orlen was united in marriage to Phyllis Sievers at the St. Peter Lutheran Church in Newell. Together, they were blessed with two children, Brad and Gail. Orlen was very active in the community. He served as the President of the Newell Providence School Board, was commander of the American Legion, served as golf President, and was the President of the Buena Vista County Democrats. He also served on the German Mutual Insurance Board for nine years. Orlen was a faithful member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Newell where he served as chairman, secretary, trustee, and elder. Music was one of his great loves. He sang in the church choir and sang for many funerals and weddings. Orlen loved farming and farmed for 30 years. After he retired from farming, he was a rural mail carrier for 15 years. His greatest hobbies were his garden, golfing and attending Newell-Fonda events. He loved his family and treasured spending time with them. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 56 years, Phyllis

Rohlfesen of Newell, Iowa; son, Brad (Darlene) Rohlfesen of Omaha, Nebraska; daughter, Gail (David) Gregory of Littleton, Colorado; five grandchildren: Rae, Cory, and Tyler Rohlfesen; Eric and Jakeb Gregory; extended family and friends. Orlen was preceded in death by his parents, Orville and Clara Rohlfesen; sister, Elaine Kischer; brothers, Laverne and Don Rohlfesen; and parents-in-law, William and Dora Sievers.