

**The Life Story of --**

**ARTHUR S. KNUDSEN, 81**

Arthur Stephen Knudsen, son of Kirsten Marie and Chris S. Knudsen, was born June 12, 1892 in Wallace, Nebr. He died at Bishop Clarkson Memorial hospital in Omaha Nebr. on May 30, 1974, just 13 days before his 82nd birthday. As a small child, he moved with his parents to a farm in the Cuppy's Grove community in Shelby county, where he grew to adulthood. On May 27, 1925 he married Nina Christensen in Gilmore City. Three children were born to this union. Mr and Mrs Knudsen were privileged to observe their 49th wedding anniversary this past week. After their marriage, they farmed first in the Cuppy's Grove area and then in Fairview township. In 1940 they moved to their farm southwest of Harlan where they lived until 1961. Since 1961 they have made their home in Harlan at 1310 Garfield Ave. Mr Knudsen was a charter member of the First Baptist church of Harlan and he served his church faithfully in many capacities. One of his special activities was the Senior Citizen program sponsored by the First Baptist church. He and his wife shared chairmanship of this program. In Jan. of 1971 he was honored by the Harlan Chamber of Commerce and received their "Leadership Award".

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother - Walter S. Knudsen and an infant sister - Ida. He is survived by his wife, Nina; by two daughters - Ruth (Mrs Dale E. Sorensen) of Harlan and Joyce (Mrs Paul Rold) of Arvada, Colo.; by his son - Dr Dean Knudsen of Lafayette, Ind.; and by ten grandchildren; by two sisters - Annie (Mrs James Andersen) of Pleasanton, Calif., and Myrtle (Mrs Howard Thomson) of Walnut; by two brothers - Dr. Ralph Knudsen of Berkeley, Calif., and Allan Knudsen of Harlan; by his nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 3, 1974 at the First Baptist church in Harlan with Rev Peter M. Kemper officiating. Honorary bearers were Louie Plagman, Leslie Edwards, Christian Rold, Tinus Sondergard, Holger S. Andersen and Rev M.C. Carstensen.

Pallbearers were Greg Rold, Paul Rold II, Arlin Sorensen, Bradley Sorensen, Chet Haase and Howard Rasmussen. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery.