

Elmer McClain, 74

Elmer Joe McClain, son of Pearl Chase and Roy McClain was born March 3, 1907 in Exira. He died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1981 at the V.A. Medical Center in Lake City, Fla., at the age of 74 years.

He was raised and educated near Exira. As a young man he farmed in the Exira area. On March 13, 1942, he married Anelda Ocean at Marysville, Kans.

During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army for 17 months. He was employed as a construction worker in the Harlan-Exira areas until he moved to Co. Bluffs in 1962, where he did maintenance work for the Christian Home for five years. Before retiring in 1972, he was employed as a custodian at the Nebraska University hospital and moved to Fla. in 1979.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Earl (Tobby), Guy, Walter and Ben. Survivors include two sons, Edward of Anaheim, Calif., Rodney of Co. Bluffs; four daughters, Mrs Joyce (Michael) Kimmen of Lincoln, Mrs Johnadee (David) Humphrey of Orange Park, Fla., Mrs Eileen Gruenwaldt of Co. Bluffs and Mrs Mary Meloccaro of Omaha; three brothers, John of Waterloo, Floyd of Exira and Roy of Co. Bluffs; three sisters, Mrs Ethel Graham of Hugoton, Kans., Mrs Sally Wilton of Glendale, Ariz., and Mrs Esther Wells of Spencer. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 26, 1981 at the Exira Christian church with Rev. R. Carroll Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Exira cemetery with Glenn McClain, Rodney McClain, Roy McClain, Jr., Jackie McClain, Jody Meloccaro and Michael Kimmen serving as casketbearers.