

John Rockwell

WALNUT — John D. "Rocky" Rockwell was born May 23, 1897 in Avoca, son of Robert and May Scandrett Rockwell. He served in both WW I and II. He married Eugenia Boule in Moorhead, Minn., on Sept. 21, 1925. They came to Walnut in 1934, where he was a sheet metal worker for many years. He was a member of the Walnut Amvets and St. Patrick's church. He was responsible for many projects of the Walnut Amvets, and wrote a column for veterans that received nation-wide attention. He died Jan. 9, 1977 at the Elk Horn Salem Nursing Home following several months of illness.

He is survived by his wife, Eugenie and one sister, Mrs Blance Lamer of Walnut. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and a brother.

Funeral service were held Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1977 in St. Patrick's church in Walnut, with Father Fred Reischl of Audubon, officiating. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery with Harold Hansen, Harry Walter, Frank Murphy, Joe Fitzpatrick, Joe Ausdemore and Lester Brehmer serving as casketbearers. Honorary bearers were Harry Tingleff, Glen Braden, Harold Lafrentz, Norris Pilling, Raymond Linke, Dwight Wuster, Leo Tierney, Alvin Troll and Carl Langbehn.