

Howard J. Rogers, 87

Howard John Rogers, son of Frank and Etta Hopkins Rogers, was born Dec. 31, 1893 in Gray. He attended school in Gray, graduating from the Gray high school in 1912. During school and for a time after, he was employed as a grocery clerk and then as a mail clerk for a few years.

On June 3, 1918, he married Marie Jensen in Gray. One son, Eugene, was born to this union. Immediately after their marriage, he was inducted into the United States Army to serve his country as First Sargeant during WWI. After receiving an honorable discharge on Aug. 31, 1919, he returned to Iowa and then in 1921, he and his family moved to Harlan, where he was employed as a salesman for the Armour Meat Company for the next 44 years. After he retired in 1960, the Roger's continued to make their home in Harlan until 1979, when they became residents of the Masonic Nursing Home in Perry. This has been their home since that time.

He was a member of the First United Methodist church in Harlan. He was also a member of the Parian Masonic Lodge No. 321 A.F. & A.M. of Harlan and the Eastern Star, Lebanon Chapter No. 8 O.E.S. of Harlan as well as a member of the National Association of World War I Veterans. He died at the Masonic Nursing Home on Saturday, Nov. 14, 1981, at the age of 87 years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Eugene, in 1967 and one sister, Dell. He is survived by his wife, Marie of Perry; his daughter-in-law, Mrs Helen Rogers Miller and her husband, George of Greenfield; two granddaughters, Diane Eliason, Pamela Moody; five great grandchildren, Dan and Jennifer and other relatives.

Masonic services were held Tuesday eve, Nov. 17, 1981 by the Parian Lodge No. 321, A.F. & A.M. of Harlan in the Pauley Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services were held at the First United Methodist church, Harlan on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1981 with Dr. Larry LaVelle officiating.

Honorary casketbearers were Keith Bauer, Arthur Camery, Lee Sunderland, Julius A. Lensch, Rudy Felgentreff, Orlin (Buck) Pauley, Max L. Plumb, Glen D. Rixen, Charles Mayhugh, Wendell K. Woods, Wilbert Rossmann and Arnold R Christensen. John Lord, Ronald R. Woodin, Frank (Rusty) Wirth, Fred Morford, Richard E. Jensen and Charles Whetstone served as casketbearers.

Graveside services were held at the Greenfield cemetery, Greenfield on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1981 with Mr William W. Poland officiating. Casketbearers were Ron Elliott, Doug Marshall, David Don Carlos, John Murray, Cliff Welcher and Craig Don Carlos.

Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan, handled the arrangements.