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Olen G. Ruffcorn, 98

Harlan — Olen Gail Ruffcorn, son of Presly Hurst and Flora A. Batchelder Ruffcorn was born Oct. 23, 1882 in Farley. In 1883, his family moved to a farm north of Defiance, where Olen attended school and grew to adulthood. He graduated from Defiance high school in 1902 and then spent one year in college in Ames, and three years at the Chicago Veterinary College, graduating in 1907 with an M.D.C. Degree.

He spent two years in practice before he married Floy Ella Wickersham on April 11, 1909, at her parent's home in Harlan. One son was born to this union. They lived on the Wickersham farm near Harlan for eight years and then moved to the Ruffcorn farm for three years. In March of 1921, they made their home in Harlan, where he was an active businessman for 26 years. He was the owner of the Ice Plant, the Creamery and Ice Cream Plant and also pioneered the Locker Plant business, having one of the first complete lockers in Iowa. He retired in Sept. of 1947. After Mrs Ruffcorn's death on Jan. 7, 1966, Mr Ruffcorn continued to live at their home in Harlan until October of 1974, when he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home. He died at Myrtue Memorial hospital on Sunday, Nov. 16, 1980, 24 days after his 98th birthday.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Howard Dayle, who at the age of 19, died on Feb. 23, 1930; three brothers, Albert, Evett and Wayne and one sister, Alice; three step brothers, Frank, William and George and one

step sister, Ida May. Survivors include nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1980 with Rev. David E. Cave of the Congregational church, Harlan, officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Emory Hansen, Martin Blass, Lester Meyers, Clifford Hanson, Gerald L. Larson and Woodrow W. Hansen serving as casketbearers.