



The Life Story of --

William H. Tinsley, 59

William H. Tinsley, adopted son of C. G. and Hazel Booth Tinsley was born Nov. 14, 1916 in Harlan. He died Feb. 10, 1976 at Jennis Edmundson Memorial hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 59 years. He was baptized and confirmed in St. Paul's Episcopal church in Harlan. Bill attended Harlan grade school and the

Harlan Community high school where he graduated in 1934. He then attended Grinnell College, graduating in 1939. Later, he completed a year of law study at the University of Iowa at Iowa City. Bill enlisted in the U. S. Army in May of 1941 and as a staff sergeant served three and a half years in England. He received his honorable discharge in Oct. of 1945. On Jan. 7, 1946, he married Lorna Murphy at St. Joseph's Chapel in Elkader. Three children were born to this union. Mr and Mrs Tinsley were privileged to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this past January. After their marriage, Bill joined his father in the jewelry store becoming the 3rd generation of Tinsley's in the jewelry business that was started by his grandfather in 1873.

Bill served as a City Councilman from 1964-1975 and had recently been appointed Mayor pro tem. As a representative of the City Council, he served on the Shelby County Health Board. Bill had been a member of the Harlan Kiwanis Club for 28 years and served as president in 1958. He was also a member of the Harlan Chamber of Commerce, Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 American Legion and the Parian Lodge No. 321, A.F. and A.M., both of Harlan. He was a leader in scouts

and was a life time member of St. Paul's Episcopal church where he had served as a Vestryman for 20 years.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Lorna of Harlan; two sons - William C. Tinsley of Iowa City, and Robert C. Tinsley of Fort Dodge; a daughter, Barbara Tinsley of Webster City, a sister, Prue (Mrs Dean Frederickson) of Harlan; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

An Episcopal Burial Office was held Saturday, Feb. 14, 1976 at St. Michael's church in Harlan with Rev. Glenn E. Rankin, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Lloyd Sick, Larry Wehr, Paul Stephany, Thomas Anstey, Jerry Lambert, Jerald Wigness, Larry Gustason and Marvin Pedersen serving as casketbearers and Jerry Clark, Al Krogstad, Lowell Holmes, Charles Early, Nancy A. Ross and Dr. K. L. Mueller serving as honorary casketbearers.