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The Life Story of --

Rev. Albert F. Wiuff, 76

Rev. Albert Fletcher Wiuff, son of Peter and Maren Gram Wiuff, was born on a farm near Rutland, on July 14, 1898. He died April 21, 1975, at the Friendship Home in Audubon, at age 76 years, 9 months and 7 days. Rev. Wiuff attended country school and grew to adulthood in the Rutland, vicinity. On Nov. 11, 1919 he married Frances Eleanor Olson at the home of her parents, in Canby, Minn. Five children were born to this union. Rev. and Mrs Wiuff were privileged to observe their 55th wedding anniversary in November of 1974. Rev. Wiuff attended John Fletcher College in Oskaloosa graduating in 1922. Rev. Wiuff served his first congregation at the Methodist church in Verdi, Minn., in 1922. He next served for 12 years at the Methodist church in Merstrand, Minn. He first came to Shelby county, in 1937, where he was called to the Merrill's Grove Baptist church at Fiscus. From 1946 to 1954 he promoted and helped build the Danish Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan, Iowa, as well as serving as its first administrator.

After completion of the Home in Harlan he moved to the Canby, Minn., area where he and Mrs Wiuff built a new home and began to farm. Shortly thereafter he was called to the ministry again, this time at the Canby Baptist church in Canby, Minn. In addition to the Danish Baptist Memorial Home, in Harlan, Rev. and Mrs Wiuff were instrumental in planning the Friendship Home in Audubon, the Maranatha Baptist Home, in Minneapolis, Minn., and the Billy Sunday Memorial Home in Sioux City. He also served as administrator of these homes.

In 1966 Rev. and Mrs Wiuff retired to their present home near Harlan, Iowa. At the time of his death he was a member of the Elk Horn Baptist church in Elk Horn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers - Will, Jess, John and Leonard; and one sister - Minnie Hansen. Rev. Wiuff is survived by his wife, Frances, of Harlan, Iowa; two sons - Palmer, of Harlan, and Albert (Bud) of Ankeny and three daughters - Irene (Mrs Richard Norgaard) of Harlan, Lois (Mrs Calvin Bartelson) and Marian (Mrs Laverne Nelson) both of Irwin; by two brothers - Alfred, his twin, of St. Paul Park, Minn., and Stanley View, of Sarasota, Fla., two sisters - Lydia (Mrs Steve Christensen) of Des Moines, and Mrs Mattie Runyon of Lynwood, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 23, 1975, at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, Ia., with Dr. Herbert Johnson and Rev Harold Dark officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Bruce Wiuff, Bryan Wiuff, Randy Nelson, Dean Bartelson, Jon Hansen, Bob Norgaard, Paul Nelson and Brad Norgaard serving as casket bearers.