

John Samuel Allen, 70

MANILLA - John Samuel, son of John S. and Ruby Elma McClure Allen was born May 16, 1918 at Hollis, OK. As an infant he moved to Iowa with his family, settling at Oakland. Here he attended country school and Oakland High School through the 11th grade.

Sept. 30, 1936, he married Anna Kolby. Four children, Gary, Ronald, Steve, and Beverly, were born to this union. He made his home in the Hancock and Oakland area where he did farm work. During WW II the family moved to Omaha where he was employed at the Glen L. Martin bomber manufacturing plant. In June of 1944 he entered the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Washington State; he was discharged in Feb. of 1946. He resumed farming in the Hancock and Oakland area, moving to Iriwn in 1958 where he operated the tank wagon for the Farm Service Coop. In 1963 he moved to Manilla where he made his home and operated the tank wagon service there. He became disabled in 1968 and retired at that time.

He was active in community affairs and served as Manilla fire chief and was an active member of the American Legion. He died May 12, 1989 at Crawford County Memorial Hospital, Denison, at age 70 years, 11 months and 26 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Ronald; his brother, Kenneth Allen; and a grandson, Christopher. He is survived by his wife, Anna of Manilla; two sons, Gary of Harlan and Steve of Clive; a daughter, Beverly (Mrs Bernie) Zylstra of Des Moines; six grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Donald Allen of Oakland and Richard Allen of Ft. Worth, TX.; by a daughter-in-law, Emmy Cronk of Page, NE.; three aunts, Jennie Myers, Minnie Dobernecker and Marie Goshorn; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Family services were held May 15 at Ohde Funeral Home, Manilla. Burial in Nishnabotna cemetery, Manilla with honorary casketbearers Kristal Hankins and Darcy Allen. Casketbearers were Todd Allen, Shane Allen, Nathan Allen, Douglas Allen, Michael Ahlers, Mitchell Ahlers and Steve Hankins.