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Harry A. Blair, 77

Dec. 30, 1913 — March 10, 1991

MANILLA - Harry, son of Albert F. and Angie Stewart Blair, was born Dec. 30, 1913, at Manilla. As a youngster he moved with his family to Jamaica, where he attended schools. While living in Jamaica he played on the town baseball team. As a teenager, he began working for the Milwaukee Railroad, eventually settling in Manilla. Before his marriage in the early 1930's he worked in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Aug. 14, 1939, he married Ethel Beatrice Hayes in St. Louis, MO. Their union was blessed with two children, Chris and Jolene. The family lived in Manilla where he worked first in pump repair and later in building and repairing bridges for the Milwaukee Railroad. Ethel suffered a long illness and died Oct. 3, 1977. After his wife's death and his retirement the next year, he remained in Manilla until 1985 when he went to live with his son in Carter Lake. He entered the Urbana Nursing Home in Urbana, MO., Feb. 25, 1991. He died there March 10, 1991 at age 77 years, two months and eight days.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Francis J. and Vernard Lee, as an infant. He is survived by his children, Chris Blair (Lois) of Carter Lake and Jolene Blair of Coralville; three grandchildren, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 14, 1991 at the Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla with Rev. Anita Johnson of the United Methodist Church of Manilla, officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna cemetery at Manilla. Pallbearers were Ed Bandow, Tom Rutherford, Mike Kloewer, John Rasmussen, Vernon Stanley and Ray Boeck. Ohde Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.