

Alvin M. Cooper, 71

CHARITON — Alvin Marion Cooper was born Sept. 8, 1916 in Madison county, the son of Owein Meade Cooper and Joe Cooper. He died at age 71 years, Feb. 3, 1988 at the Mercy hospital in Des Moines of a heart ailment.

March 23, 1940, he married Ruby Lake. To this marriage two children were born, daughter, Pam Clyde of Harlan and a son, Craig of Chariton. While a resident of Winterset he was employed by M. Young & Co. In 1944-46 he served in the U.S. Army. He received the Victory Medal, Ribbon with two Bronze Battle Stars; two overseas service Bar; Good Conduct Medal and the Purple Heart Medal in the European African Middle Eastern Theater. In 1949, they moved to Lucas, IA where he was engaged in farming. For 18 years he was employed as manager at the Lucas County Farm. In 1979 he retired to their farm.

He belonged to the American Legion for 41 years, Paul Revere Masonic Lodge at Lucas; United Commercial Travelers; Disabled Veterans and a former Shrine member. He enjoyed his grandchildren, fishing, hunting and horses.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Willard, Harold and Wayne and one sister, Mae Lutz. Surviving are his wife, Ruby; daughter, Pam (Mrs Terry) Clyde; son Craig; three granddaughters; one grandson; three sisters, Josephine (Mrs Charles) Clark of Dexter; Grace (Mrs John) Atkins of Fairfield Bay, AR; Bellezora (Mrs Clarence) Lucas of Winterset. A brother, Emory of Reinbeck, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Feb. 5, 1988 at the Fielding Funeral Home with Rev. Lynn Ryon officiating. Serving as casket bearers were Ivan Lovett, Roy Cochran, Joe Haldeman, Marion Thompson, Wendell Skinner and Wayne Swanson. Honorary bearers were Charles Rogers, Harold Leonard, Hal Polser, John Brown and Claude Orr. Military services were held by the Carl L. Caviness Post No. 102 and Masonic services were by the Paul Revere Lodge No. 638 A.F. & A.M. Burial was in the Chariton cemetery.