

Ralph S. Corey, 72

Nov. 14, 1924 - Jan. 1, 1997

WALNUT - Ralph S. Corey was born north of Marne, Nov. 14, 1924 the son of Robert and Lilah Flathers Corey and was one of four children in the family. He attended school in Walnut, and graduated from Walnut High School in 1942.

He married Dorothy Walter Feb. 17, 1944. They were the parents of three children; Stanley, Eileen and Ronald. He farmed for 21 years and was in the sheep shearing business. In 1966, they moved into the town of Walnut. She died Dec. 9, 1969.

He married Cheryl Chapman in Atlantic, May 28, 1971. He enjoyed working with animals and worked another 20 years traveling throughout the Midwest shearing sheep. He retired in 1986. He died at Clarkson Hospital in Omaha, Jan. 1, 1997 following a short illness at age 72 years, one month and 18 days.

He was preceded in death by his father, two brothers; Clyde and Bruce Corey, a sister, Phyllis Coker, and his step-father, Leonard Morris. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl, his mother, Lilah Morris, his children; Stanley Corey (Carol) of West Des Moines, Eileen Randall of Aurora, CO and Ronald Corey (Barb) of Corning, three grandchildren, four brothers-in-law; James, Charles and Donald Walter and Roger Coker, five sisters-in-law; Jean Corey, Ruth Ann Corey, Mary Paulsen, Clara Ginn and Marjorie Caster, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 4, 1997 at the First Presbyterian Church, Walnut with Rev. Paul Wilcox and Mr. Wayne Paulsen, lay-assistant, officiating. Burial was in the Monroe Township cemetery. Honorary casket bearers were: Jeff Filkins, Dale M. Christensen, Dennis Keithley and Eldon Michaelson. Casket bearers were: Robert Juhl, Ora "Bill" Babbitt, Charles Walter, Robert Corey, Dennis Book and Greg Filkins. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.