

William M. Deatherage, 95

HANCOCK – William Mathew Deatherage was born in Cole Camp, MO., Nov. 28, 1893. He was the son of John and Gertrude Upchurch Deatherage. He was one of three children in the family. The family later moved to Hancock to make their home.

He married Martha Krueger on March 31, 1920. They made their home in Hancock, where he worked as a mechanic and a carpenter. They were the parents of two children. He was a veteran of WW I and the last WW I member of the Hancock American Legion Post. He attended the State Trap Shoot when he was 85 years old. Martha died in Feb. of 1956. He remained in his own home in Hancock until July of 1987 when he became a resident of the Atlantic Care Center in Atlantic. He died there on Nov. 26, 1989 at age 95 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Martha; two sisters, Katherine Minick and Jessie Minick. Survivors include his two children, Mary Lou (Robert) Emken and Donald Deatherage, all living in Hancock; two grandchildren; one great-granddaughter and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 29, 1989 in Knutson Funeral Home, Avoca with Rev. Douglas Cue, officiating. Casketbearers were Hubert Zobrist, Steve Guyer, Larry Jacobsen, Russell Ronnfeldt, Leslie Guyer and Norman Leed. Burial was in Silver Valley cemetery in Hancock.