

Merle D. Duke, 76

CO. BLUFFS - Merle D. Duke, son of William and Julia Duke, was born in Harlan. He lived in Harlan from birth in 1919 until 1940 and had resided in Co. Bluffs for 55 years. He was a retired engineer for General Services. He was a member of Kiwanis and The Methodist Men's Group. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He died at Jennie Edmundson Hospital Jan. 26, 1996.

He is survived by his wife, Alyce; two daughters, Judy Hovinga and Patricia Quigley both of Co. Bluffs; a son, Richard Duke of Co. Bluffs; a brother, Edwin Duke of Co. Bluffs; two sisters, Iva Gearhart of Co. Bluffs and Hazel Dewitt of Lamar, MO; 13 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 29, 1996 at Epworth Methodist Church with Rev. Mark Heath officiating. Burial was in Cedar Lawn Cemetery.