

Robert J. Dunlap, 80

IRWIN - Robert, son of Sidney and Julia Moore Dunlap, was born June 5, 1908 at Irwin. He attended Irwin schools and as a young man began working on telephone lines around the Irwin area. In 1929 he moved to Ann Arbor, MI where he worked for Detroit Edison Electrical Company for 42 years. While living in Ann Arbor he married Irene Scott. In 1943 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy earning the rank of Chief Electrician's Mate at the time of his honorable discharge in 1945. During his time in the service he served mostly in the area of Trinidad. Irene died on Dec. 4, 1968. In 1970 he married May Peters. A year after their marriage he suffered a heart attack, which led to his retirement from the Detroit Edison Electrical Company. They remained in Michigan for a couple of years before moving back to the Irwin community. May died in 1977.

On Aug. 16, 1980 he married Dorothy Beck Fonken. They made their home on a farm north of Manning until 1983 when they moved into town. Shortly after their marriage he was baptized and confirmed at the Zion Lutheran Church in Manning. He was a member of the American Legion. Due to failing health he became a resident of the Carroll Health Center in Sept. of 1987. After suffering a massive stroke he entered the St. Anthony Regional Hospital where he died Aug. 6, 1988 at age 80 years, 2 months and 1 day.

Besides his parents and two wives, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Ellsworth Dunlap and by a sister, Florence Andersen. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Manning; by four step-children, Bev Schrum of Manilla; Gerald Beck of Manning; Stanley Beck of Bradley, IL and Carol (Mrs Ron) Brus of Harlan; 12 step-grandchildren; 2 step-great-grandchildren; his mother-in-law, Lizzie Asmus of the Carroll Health Center; his sister-in-law, Ruth (Mrs Donald) Smith of Douglas, NE; and by nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Aug. 9, 1988 at Zion Lutheran Church in Manning with Pastor Robert Riggert officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery, Irwin with Charles Fielweber, Ronny Frahm, Larry Stangl, Don Hinners, Clifford Tank and Leland Kienast as casket bearers. Ohde Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.