

Leo Peter Farner, 83

HARLAN – Leo Peter Farner, son of Sophet Franklin and Louisa (Neiter) Farner was born on March 10, 1905 at Dustin, NE. He died at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan on Jan. 11, 1989 at age 83 years, 10 months and one day. He attended school at Stuart, NE and after graduating from high school, he attended the Univ. of Nebraska at Lincoln for one year as a pre-med student.

He first came to Harlan in 1927 as a tobacco traveling salesman. In 1930, he opened his first store, a dime store, on the east side of the courthouse. Farner's Store moved to its present location in 1932. On June 1, 1932 he married Dorothea Huckins at Ainsworth, NE. They were the parents of one daughter, Sandy. In 1957, he was selected Man of the Year by the Harlan Chamber of Commerce. After the death of Dorothea in 1971, he continued to live in Harlan and on Sept. 17, 1973, he married Dorothy Cavanaugh at Alexandria, MN. He continued to be active in his store and in the fall of 1988, he retired and Farner's Store was closed.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Harlan; Parian Lodge No. 321, A.F. & A.M., and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 267, both of Harlan.

In addition to his parents and his



first wife, Dorothea, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank and Floyd; and one sister, Leslie. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy of Harlan; his daughter, Sandy Kolb of Harlan; a foster daughter, Ruth (Mrs Donovan) Christensen of Westcliffe, CO; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Ben of Sun City, AZ; William of Carroll; and Ted of Phoenix, AZ; one sister, Zana Menuey of Phoenix, nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Jan. 14, 1989 at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan with Rev. David Polich of St. Michael's Catholic Church officiating. Masonic services were held at the graveside by the Parian Lodge, No. 321, A.F. & A.M. of Harlan. Casket bearers were Galen Plumb, Dick O'Bryan, Lee Sunderland, Frank Murtaugh, H.W. "Bud" Ouren, Robert McKeighan and F.M. "Pete" Petersen.