

Richard E. Hoffer, 78

Jan. 26, 1914 — Feb. 7, 1992

DES MOINES — Richard Edward Hoffer, was born Jan. 26, 1914, in Streeter, N.D. He died at his home in Des Moines, Feb. 7, 1992, just twelve days after his 78th birthday. He attended school in N.D., and grew to adulthood there. He was baptized and confirmed in the Trinity Lutheran Church in Streeter.

Oct. 20, 1940, he married Rose E. Wittmier at Jamestown, N.D. Two daughters were born to this union. In 1962, they moved to Harlan, and he was employed as a mechanic at Clark Limestone in Logan. After the death of his wife Oct. 15, 1969, he continued to make his home in Harlan until 1977, when he moved to Des Moines, to make his home near his daughter. He had been a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan since 1962.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Rose. Surviving him are his daughters, Donna (Joe) Ballantini of Des Moines; and Patricia (Michael) Watson of Munster, IN.; three grandchildren; two brothers, Arnold Hoffer of Williston, N.D., and Oscar Hoffer of Bismark, N.D.; a sister, Lydia Finlayson of Rochester, MN.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 11, 1992 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Otto Zwanziger of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Aldo Ballantini honorary casket-bearer. Casketbearers were Joe Ballantini, Michael Watson, Tony Ballantini, Verner Schmitz, Frank Ballantini, and Rocky Ballantini. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.