

Harlan Garrith Huckins, 83 ✓

Jan. 26, 1909 — Oct. 17, 1992

HARLAN — Harlan Garrith Huckins, son of Raymond and Edna Blanche (Roberts) Huckins, was born in Kansas City, KS., Jan. 26, 1909. He died at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca, Oct. 17, 1992, at age 83 years, 8 months and 21 days. At age 12, he moved with his parents to Griswold. He graduated from Griswold High School in 1927. He then worked for a short time on his parents dairy farm.

March 14, 1929, he married Gertrude Stevens in Des Moines. Four children were born to this union. Later that same year they moved to Harlan, where he worked for his uncle in Huckins Grocery. That fall he left this area to work on a ranch near Grant. In 1934, they returned to Harlan and he worked for the Farmer's Variety Store. In 1937, they purchased a grocery store in Kirkman and operated it until 1975 when they sold the store. April 14, 1944, during their stay in Kirkman, he entered the U.S. Navy serving his country during WW II. After his honorable discharge Nov. 19, 1945, he returned to their home in Kirkman. He was very active in Kirkman where he served as Postmaster from 1952 to 1977, fire chief for 40 years, member of the Kirkman School board as well as a school bus driver. In 1980 he and his wife moved to Harlan for retirement. He was a member of the Shelby County V.F.W., Post No. 941, and the American Legion, Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 of Harlan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Patsey; one sister, Dorthea Farner and two brothers, John and Robert. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude of Harlan; three sons, John of Harlan; Bill of Harlan and Leo (Frieda) of Co. Bluffs; 8 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one sister, Betty Nickles of San Francisco, CA.; as well as one half-brother, Dale Huckins, of Oelwein; and half-sister, Mela May (Mrs Keiffer Garton) of Washington, IA.; and Dorothea (Mrs Phill Harris) of Sparks, NV.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Oct. 20, 1992 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Walter Bernard of the Irwin United Methodist Church officiating. Military rites were conducted at the Pleasant Twp. cemetery in Griswold by the American Legion Post 508 of Griswold. Honorary casketbearers were Tony Appel, Tony Majerus, Dale F. Snyder, and Floyd "Shorty" Atkinson. Casketbearers were Gene Wiig, Norman M. Wiig, Norman M. Wiig, Marvin Rasmussen, John Huckins Jr., LaVon A. Christensen, and O.E. "Buck" Holloway. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.