



Robert W. Larson, 67

IRWIN - Robert Wayne Larson, the son of Roy L. and Anna (Paulsen) Larson was born at Irwin, Sept. 18, 1921. He died at St. Joseph hospital in Omaha, NE on Oct. 7, 1988 at age 67 years and 19 days.

He attended school in Irwin, and graduated with the class of 1939. Oct. 18, 1939, he entered the U.S. Navy serving his country during WW II in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater as Chief Warrant Officer. He was stationed at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 when the Japanese attacked. He was named Honor Man of his company at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, he returned to the Irwin area. Dec. 5, 1946, he married Dixie Johnson

at her parents' home in Cuppy's Grove. Three children were born to this union. After their marriage, they resided in Irwin where he was a Rural Mail Carrier from 1947 until 1978. He then worked for Harlan Manufacturing until 1984, when he retired. They continued to make their home in Irwin. He was a member of Irwin United Methodist Church, Rural Letter Carrier's Association, and the Irwin American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers, Paul and Richard. Surviving him are his wife, Dixie of Irwin; two daughters, Luanne (Mrs John) Tucker of Norton, MA and Lynne (Mrs John) White of Harlan; a son, Robert L. of Cedar Rapids; four grandchildren; his mother, Anna Larson of the Salem Lutheran Nursing Home in Elk Horn; two sisters, Mary Alice Larson of Joplin, MO; and Dixie (Mrs Russell) Thompson of Mesa, AZ; a foster brother, Bud Knudson of Irwin; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were Oct. 10, 1988 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor Monte Knudsen of Abundant Life Fellowship Church in Harlan officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Lyle Knudsen, Don Larimore, W. Fred Stamp, Herbert Thomson, Richard McMahon, R.E. Donlin, M.D., Robert R. Pearson, Harold E. Johnson, and Garland Barratt serving as honorary casket bearers. Alan Larson, Dan Knudsen, Mark Larson, Cal Jacobson, Paul L. Larson, Frank "Rusty" Wirth, and Robert A. Mortensen served as casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.