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## **Gerald Julieus Maassen, 78** ✓

*June 22, 1914 — Feb. 26, 1993*

**WALNUT** — Gerald Julieus Maassen was born in Valley Township, Pottawattamie County, June 22, 1914, the son of Gustave Julieus and Sena Andersen Maassen. He was one of 11 children in the family. He attended country school and the Avoca High School. He farmed with his father and brothers most of his life.

He entered the Army in June of 1942 and served in Europe for two years. He was in the second wave to land at Normandy. He was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart. He was discharged in Sept. of 1945 and returned to the farm. After he retired from farming, he worked for the Hancock Fertilizer Company for a number of years. He lived with his brother, Howard and his family, until he moved to the Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut in Aug. of 1990. He died at the home Feb. 26, 1993. He suffered an apparent heart attack while cleaning the snow off of his car, at age 78 years, 8 months and 4 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Dale, Curtis and Howard and one sister, Orpha Stamp. Survivors are five brothers, Walter Maassen, Ralph Maassen (Betty) and Francis Maassen, all living in Walnut; John Maassen (Maxine) and Willis Maassen (Betty), all living in Avoca; one sister, Joan (Bernard) Andersen of Atlantic; two sisters-in-laws, Geneva Maassen and Jeannette Maassen, both living in Avoca; a brother-in-law, Raymond Stamp of Walnut; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 1, 1993 at the Knutson Funeral Chapel in Avoca, with Rev. Douglas Cue, officiating. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Casketbearers were Teddy Andersen, Dale Maassen, Bruce Maassen, Larry Moehlenbrink, Alan Maassen, and Russell Wesley.