

Harold Martens, 77

HARLAN — Harold Herman Martens, son of William and Anna Thomsen Martens was born Nov. 26, 1909 near Aspinwall. His family lived on a farm for several years and later moved to Manning where he graduated from the Manning high school in 1928. He attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids for one year.

On Dec. 24, 1935, he married Oda Vithen at the Lutheran Parsonage in Harlan. Except for 9 months when they lived in Manning in 1941, they have resided in Harlan. He was employed several places in Harlan: the Saylor Hotel, Carpenters Hatchery, Harlan Produce and the Harlan public schools. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran church where he served in many capacities including teacher, Deacon and board of education. He died March 13, 1987 at Jennie Edmundson hospital in Co. Bluffs at age 77 years, 3 months and 17 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Louis Martens and sister, Helen Christianson. Survivors include his wife, Oda of Harlan; son, Steven of Dimock, S.D.; brother, LeRoy Martens of Omaha, NE.; 2 grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 16, 1987 at the Immanuel Lutheran church with Rev. Otto Zwanziger and Rev. Paul Olsen, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Gary Martens, Larry Martens, Lyle Poldberg, Merlyn Knudsen, Jamie Christianson and DeLane Christianson serving as casketbearers. Services were conducted by the Burmeister Funeral Home.