

## Harry "Hi" McMahon, 88 ✓

Jan. 15, 1908 - Nov. 5, 1996

**MANILLA** - Harry Raymond, son of James and Sarah Noon McMahon, was born Jan. 15, 1908, in Harlan. He started school in Harlan, then moved with his family to a farm near Irwin. He graduated from Irwin High School in 1923, at age 15. He worked his way through Iowa State College and graduated in 1931 with a degree in Civil Engineering. After graduation, he went to New York and worked in journalism, advertising and sales.

He returned to Iowa where he married Dorothy Darling Dec. 8, 1940, in Atlantic. They lived in Orient, where they owned and operated a feed and seed company. In 1944, he joined the U.S. Army serving in Italy during WW II in the Transportation Corps. After the war, he remained in the service returning to Ft. Eustis, VA, where he taught in the Transportation School. After seven years in the Army he was honorably discharged as a Captain and worked as a civilian in the Pentagon for a short time. Then, he and his family returned to Iowa, eventually settling in Manilla. He worked in sales, mostly in the insurance industry for 23 years. After his retirement, he finally realized his dream to work with the railroad. He served as a consultant and writer working with shippers to preserve branch line rail service. He was a member of the Manilla American Legion. Due to failing health, he entered the Manilla Manor Nursing Home in Nov. of 1992, and died there Nov. 5, 1996, at age 88 years, nine months and 21 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son; five brothers, Francis "Bud" McMahon, Lester "Johnny" McMahon, Jesse "Tag" McMahon, Walter "Abe" McMahon and Glen "Tif" McMahon. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy McMahon of Manilla; two sons, Thomas McMahon of Galesburg, IL and Lynn McMahon (Paulette) of Rochester, MN; two grandsons, Steven and Michael McMahon of Rochester, MN; a sister, Eunice Jensen of the Manilla Manor Nursing Home; a brother, Bernard "Torp" McMahon of Colorado Springs, CO; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Nov. 8, 1996, at the Ohde Funeral Home with Reverend Kenneth Ritchie, United Church of Manilla officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Irwin, with military honors by the American Legion Post 132. Casket bearers were Kenneth Jensen, Harold Olsen, Sr., Richard "Pudge" McMahon, Galen Bral, Jeff Darling and William McMahon.