

Earl C. Pace, 71

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IRWIN — Earl Clinton Pace, the son of Andrew Jackson and Cora (Fisher) Pace, was born near Dow City, Feb. 4, 1916. He died at an Omaha, hospital at age 71 years, 11 months and 11 days. As a small boy, he moved with his family to Irwin. He attended Irwin school, graduating with the class of 1935.

On Dec. 27, 1939, he was inducted into the U.S. Navy, serving his country during WW II as an Electrician's Mate, 1st Class. He was aboard the U.S.S. Hornet when the ship took General Doolittle to Japan. He was also one of few survivors on the U.S.S. Fiske. After his honorable discharge Aug. 16, 1945, he returned to NE and in 1949, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Omaha. He was employed as the Office Manager of Good Year in Sioux City for a short time and then with Union Pacific Railroad for one year before his employment with the U.S. Post Office in Omaha as a Postal Clerk. After 30 years, he retired from the Post Office and worked as a Security Officer for Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. He has continued to reside in Omaha since that time. He was baptized March 31, 1986 and attended the Methodist Church. He was a life member of Military Order Purple Heart, Omaha Post No. 1, American Legion, Tangier Temple of Omaha, Disabled American Veterans, Masonic Lodge, No. 1, AF & AM, Omaha, and V.F.W. Post No. 247, Omaha.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Lewis, Jesse and Claude; and two sisters, Fern and Pearl. He is survived by three sisters, Susan (Mrs Earl) Higgens of Waterloo; Dora Duncan of Denver, CO and Alice Clark of Medford, OR; two brothers, Clayton of Medford, OR and Harold of Fort Dodge; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 18, 1988 at Pauley Funeral Home, Harlan with Pastor Walter Bernard of the Irwin United Methodist Church, officiating. Military Rites were conducted at the Oak Hill cemetery, Irwin by Austin Earl Hiatt Post No. 614, Irwin and American Legion Post No. 132, Manilla. Serving as casket bearers were Harold Brue, Michael Carter, Virgil E. Carter, Carl Armentrout, Normal Richards and Kenneth Pedersen. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.