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## **Wilard Fred Paulsen, 74**

**March 10, 1916 — March 1, 1991**

**AVOCA** — Wilard Fred Paulsen was born in Ludden, N.D., March 10, 1916. He was the son of Fred and Helen Hobicht Paulsen. He was one of two children in the family. He attended school in Del Rapids, S.D., and graduated with the class of 1934. He received his B.S. degree in Agriculture from South Dakota State College. He enlisted in the Armed Forces Nov. 10, 1941. He served in the Air Corps in the European Theater. He attained the rank of Captain. He was discharged from active duty Dec. 24, 1945.

He married Lola Thayer, Jan. 26, 1946 at Pipestone, MN. They were the parents of four children. He was employed by American Natural Resources Company and worked as a measurement engineer. He worked for them for over 32 years until his retirement in 1982. The past five years he has made his home in Ankeny. He was a member of the V.F.W. in Fairfield, and the American Legion Post #227 in Avoca. He died at the Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines, March 1, 1991, at age 74 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his children, Philip Paulsen of Racine, WI.; Pamela (Thomas) D'Auben of Blue Grass; Jerome Paulsen (Brenda) of Houston, TX., and Joan (James) Claerhout of Indianola; four grandchildren; besides other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held March 4, 1991 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Avoca with Pastor Dean Sudman and Lay-Assistant Wayne Paulsen, officiating. Casketbearers were Philip Paulsen, Jerome Paulsen, Jay Paulsen, Lance Paulsen, and James Claerhout. Burial was in the Graceland cemetery in Avoca. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.