

Ralph R. "Jake" Ramsey, 79

Aug. 6, 1913 — Oct. 18, 1992

CARROLL — Ralph R. "Jake" Ramsey, son of Charles H. and Bessie (Johnson) Ramsey, was born Aug. 6, 1913 at Botna. He spent his younger years in the Botna community and attended country schools and graduated from Manning High School in 1931.

Nov. 22, 1934, he married Mildred Reiff at Manning. Following their marriage, they made their home in Manilla. In March of 1944 he entered the Navy and served during WW II as a gunnery instructor. He was honorably discharged in January 1946. He then entered business with his brother-in-law, Walter Reiff, and owned and operated Reiff-Ramsey Hardware Store in Manilla. In 1963 he was appointed postmaster at Manilla and served in that position until his retirement in 1976. They moved to Carroll in 1988. He was a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Carroll and was a member and past commander of the Manilla American Legion. He died Oct. 18, 1992 at the Nebraska Methodist Hospital in Omaha, at age 79.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Mayburn Ramsey; and a sister, Edna Peters. Survivors are his wife, Mildred of Carroll; two daughters, JoAnn Gresso of St. Charles, MO.; and Teresa Miller (George) of Macungie, PA.; two sons, Mark Ramsey (Carok) of Iowa City and Thomas (Jayne) of Riverton; 10 grandchildren; four sisters, Juanita Boeck of Harlan; Bernice Laverty, Mary Ramsey and Thelma Hodne of Manning; three brothers, Edward Ramsey (Dolores), Orren Ramsey (Fern) and Jack Ramsey (Edna), all of Manning.

Funeral services were held Oct. 20, 1992 at Holy Spirit Church in Carroll with Fr. Mervin Hood, celebrant. Burial was in the Mount Olivet cemetery in Manilla. Military Honors conducted by the American Legion. Honorary casketbearers were Melvin Busche, Boyd Merrick, Art Schulte and Elmer Peters. Casketbearers were Dick Burnmood, Donald Blom, Wayne Daniels, Roland Hubner, Roscoe Myer and Bill Lohrmann.