

William Crow Rannells, 74

June 14, 1917 — May 19, 1992

DUNLAP — William Crow Rannells was born June 14, 1917, in Dunlap, to William Culbertson Rannells and Adah Crow Rannells. He died May 19, 1992, at Immanuel Hospital in Omaha, after a lengthy battle with leukemia. He grew up on a farm west of Dunlap with three siblings, Florence, Robert, and Anna May. He received his education in the public schools, was active in sports and music, and graduated in 1935. In Dec. of 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served on a minesweeper during WW II in the South West Pacific Theatre, seeing action in the Philippine and Okinawa areas. After receiving his honorable discharge, he returned to farming in the Dunlap vicinity.

Oct. 12, 1947, he married Norene Pedersen, and the couple resided on the Rannells family farm for 20 years. Three children were born to this union, Robert, Carol, and Mark. The family moved into Dunlap in 1967, and he was employed by the Dunlap lumberyard until his retirement in 1981. He was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church, holding many offices, including building committee chairman of the current facilities and was a member of the Lutheran Spirit Choir. He was an active member of Post #224 of the American Legion and was currently serving as Chaplain.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one brother, Robert Vance, who died in action in WW II. Survivors include his wife, Norene; 2 sons, Robert (Suzanne) of Nashville, TN.; and Mark of Omaha; one daughter, Carol Newland (Ed) of Harrisburg, NE.; six grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs Chet (Florence) Vilmont of Ames and Mrs Les (Anna May) Hulsebus of Arion; mother-in-law, Emma Pedersen of Dunlap and many other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 23, 1992 at the St. John's Lutheran cemetery in Dunlap with Rev. Steve Solberg, officiating. Military services provided by Dunlap American Legion Post #224 Burial was in the Pleasant Hill cemetery in Dunlap. Casketbearers were David Rannells, Glenn Leaders, Wilfred Buter, Francis Murrin, Rollie Roberts, and Roger Miller. Fouts Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.