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Melvern M. Reimer, 79

WALNUT - Melvern Maynard Reimer was born near Walnut, Oct. 23, 1909 the son of Marx and Meta Rossmann Reimer. He was one of 14 children. He attended the Lincoln #2 Country School.

He married Ethel L. Forbes May 1, 1948. They made their home in the Atlantic area until moving into Atlantic. After his retirement from farming, he drove a school bus and was a custodian of the First United Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member. He served in the Army Air Corps during WW II. He was a member of the Grove Masonic Lodge #492 in Marne, where he was a Past Master. He was also a member of The York Rite Bodies in Atlantic, ZA-Ga-ZIG Shrine Temple in Des Moines, Liberty Chapter of the Order Of The Eastern Star in Marne, Nishna Valley Shrine Club and the American Legion Post #422 in Walnut. He remained in his home until moving into an apartment in Atlantic. This past Nov. he moved into the Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut. He died at the Cass County Memorial Hospital in Atlantic, Dec. 8, 1988, following a sudden illness at age 79 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Ethel; one son, David Jones; four sisters, Geneva Yonkee, Geraldine Reimer, Winifred Paulsen and Lorene Reimer; four brothers, Clarence, Raymond, Orville and Wilfred. He is survived by his daughter, Patricia Kalkhoff of Carroll; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters, Viola (Mrs Guilford) Paulsen of Elk Horn; Eleanor Nelson of Elk Horn; Lucile (Mrs Robert) Goeken of Marne; two brothers, Everett Reimer of Marne and Marion Reimer of Atlantic; nieces.

nephews and other relatives.

Services were held Dec. 10, 1988 at Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home, Walnut with Rev. Harvey Beach officiating. Burial was in Walnut cemetery with honorary casket bearers were Joe Mewhirter, Harold Joyce, Clark Dory, Bil Morgan, Merton Seymour, Dwayne Jensen and casket bearers Dr. Thomas Kalkhoff, James Kalkhoff, David Kalkhoff, Jerry Reimer, Randy Reimer, Alan Reimer, Russell Reimer and Chris Paulsen.