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Bernard V. Sleister **"Brownie", 78**

MANILLA – Bernard, son of Hero and Mabel Fuller Sleister was born May 25, 1910 near Manilla. He attended school near Manilla. July 19, 1936 he married Velma Kuhl. Three children were born to this union. In the late 1940's he entered the United States Navy. After his medical discharge, he returned to Manilla and worked on road construction, retiring in the spring of 1975. He had been in failing health for about a year and died May 15, 1989 at Mercy Hospital in Co. Bluffs at age 78 years, 11 months and 20 days.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1975; his parents; two grandsons; two brothers, Russell and Floyd Sleister. He is survived by his children, Belva (Mrs Dan) Crooks of Orlando, FL.; Elden Sleister of Fairmont, NE., and Janice (Mrs Richard) Lauritsen of Audubon; by eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Helen (Mrs Robert) Macki of Seattle, WA.; and Thelma Campbell of Harlan; one brother, Robert Sleister of Manilla; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held May 18, 1989 at Ohde Funeral Home, Manilla with Pastor Sushil Joseph of the United Methodist Church officiating. Burial in Nishnabotna cemetery with casketbearers Ron Christensen, Ron Meisel, Larry Sleister, David Sleister, Eugene Sleister and Paul Lauritsen. Honorary bearers were Dennis Sleister and James Sleister.