



W. Eugene "Gene" Sornson, 71

Aug. 30, 1924 - April 11 1996

Harlan - Wallace Eugene "Gene" Sornson was the middle child of Wallace E. Sornson and Grace (Parkinson) Sornson was born Aug. 30, 1924 at Elk Horn,. He served in the US Navy in W.W. II. After discharge he enrolled in the University of Iowa and upon graduation he took over the Harlan Clothing Company from his father. He was very interested in the mercantile business and was able to build up a very successful

operation. He was a very progressive and dedicated clothier who was interested in serving his customers and community.

Gene and Virginia met while at the university. After graduation they were married in Western Springs, IL Sept. 10, 1948.

He was active here on the Board of Utilities and in the Harlan Chamber of Commerce, the local Masonic and Shriners organizations and so enjoyed participating in the Shriners T-Patrol. He became a member of the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan April 11, 1954, serving on the Board of Trustees and stewardship committees. In AZ he was an associate member of the Sun Lakes United Methodist Church. He died April 11, 1996 at Sun Lake, AZ at age 71 years, 7 months and 12 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Darrell. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Virginia (Bomke) Sornson of Harlan, daughter Maia Louise Sornson, Thurman, son William Eric Sornson, Kingman, AZ, one grandson, his sister Arlythe (Don) Newberg, Omaha; sister-in-law Gayl Sornson, Sun City West, AZ; and nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held April 17, 1996 at the Sun Lakes, AZ United Methodist Church with burial in the Gardens on the property of the United Methodist Church. A memorial was held May 6, 1996 at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Harlan with C.G. "Gary" Nienkamp officiating.