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## Richard W. Sweeney, 85

Sept. 3, 1910 - April 4, 1996

**ALTUS, OK** - Richard W. Sweeney was born Sept. 3, 1910 in Neola. He was the son of James V. and Susan Stiever Sweeney. Until he enlisted in the U.S. Army, he farmed with his father, did custom combining and drove a truck.

He married Harriett Hughes July 12, 1936 in Crawford, NE. His career in the Army spanned over 20 years. He was a skilled photographer in the Army working at White Sands Missile Range, NM at the time of his retirement. He retired in Dec. 1962 spending the next 23 years in Omaha, NE. Due to health, he made his home with his son, James, moving with him to Illinois, Alabama and Oklahoma. He was active with the Senior Citizen Center, taking pictures of events held there. He was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church. He died April 3, 1996 at the home he shared with his son and family in Altus, OK at age 85 years and seven months.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Harriett, and two sisters. He is survived by his two sons, James Sweeney (JoAnne) of Altus, OK and Michael Sweeney of Denver, CO; five grandchildren and five great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 9, 1996 at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Neola with Father Wayne Gubbels officiating. Burial was in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Graveside services by the Neola American Legion. Casket bearers were Phillip Vanderpool, Ronald Neilsen, Dale Neilsen, Jeff Hansen, Thomas Sweeney and Steve Graybill. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.