

George Paul Schack, 84

Feb. 9, 1915 – June 16, 1999

OMAHA – George Paul Schack, son of Louis and Mary (Christensen) Schack, was born in Harlan, Feb. 9, 1915. In 1933, he graduated from Harlan High School, where he played basketball. George attended Grinnell College in Grinnell, and Iowa State University in Ames. Later, he attended Mortuary School in St. Louis, MO.

He married Evelyn Francis Thomas Nov. 11, 1941, in Harlan. He also joined the U.S. Army in 1941, serving in the Army Medical Corps. After returning from WW II, George joined his brother, Carley, in his Furniture Store and Funeral Home business. In 1959, he sold his interest to Carley and moved to Marshalltown, where he worked as a funeral director. He later moved to Des Moines, and was a representative for Root Casket Company. He relocated in Omaha in 1968, where he was employed by Kmart, working in the Sherman Williams paint department. He was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Omaha. He sang barbershop music in both Omaha and Harlan, and was a Mason and American Legion member. He volunteered at Methodist Hospital in Omaha. He died June 16, 1999, at Methodist Hospital in Omaha, at age 84 years, four months and seven days.

Preceding George in death were his parents; his wife, Evelyn Nov. 19, 1988; one brother, Carley Schack; and two sisters, E. Vernie Schack and Valborg A. Lux. Survivors include two sons, Tom A. Schack of Albuquerque, NM and Lewis Schack of Colorado Springs, CO; and one nephew, Gary Schack of San Dimas, CA.

Funeral services were held June 21, 1999, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Harlan, with Rev. Glenn Rankin officiating. Casket bearers were F.M. "Pete" Petersen, Max Bacon, Arnold Knudtson, H.W. "Bud" Ouren, Tom A. Schack, Lewis Schack and Charles Gearhart. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.