

John M. Unrau, 79

Nov. 12, 1911 - April 19, 1991

John M. Unrau, son of Henry and Florence Slessor Unrau, was born Nov. 12, 1911, in Grundy county. He received his early education in Reinbeck, where he graduated from high school. He later attended Iowa State Teacher's College (now UNI), Iowa State and the University of Iowa.

He married Sue Russell March 21, 1936, in IL. Following their marriage, he taught school in Harlan, before joining the Navy during WW II, where he was a Navy Lieutenant in the Pacific area for two years. Following the military, he taught in several schools in Iowa, including Ruthven and Terril and also did part time construction work. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Spencer, a 46 year member of the American Legion, as well as a member of the Evening Shade Lodge #312, A.F. & A.M., York Rite, Spencer Area Shrine Club and the Abu Bekr Shrine Club in Sioux City. He died at his winter home in Brownsville, TX., April 19, 1991 at age 79.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Bernice Emmert. He is survived by his wife, Sue of Spencer; three sons and their wives, John (Marlys) of Arnolds Park; Jerry (Patricia) of Houston, TX., and James (Mary Lou) of Wickenburg, AZ.; six grandchildren; one sister, Ardath Johnson of West Lafayette, IN., and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 23, 1991, at the Warner Chapel in Spencer. Burial was in the North Lawn cemetery in Spencer. Warner Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.