

Wendell K. Woods, 93

March 19, 1904 - Jan. 19, 1998

HARLAN - Wendell Keffer Woods, son of Walter and Ethel (Keffer) Woods, was born March 19, 1904 in Hastings. He attended school in Harlan, and graduated in 1921. After high school, he attended the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, NE for two years. While in Lincoln, he competed in the National Table Tennis Tournament where he advanced to the quarter finals in doubles. After college, he worked as a bookkeeper with a fur company in Lincoln. He entered the United States Navy on July 15, 1942, and served his country during World War II. While serving in the Asiatic Pacific Theater, he received the Victory Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. After receiving his honorable discharge Nov. 18, 1945, he returned to Harlan, where he worked as a bookkeeper for Squealer Feeds. He played in bands when he was younger. He was also a licensed Ham Radio Operator and made several friends in surrounding communities when he met with them Sunday evenings over the airways. He and a friend built the first radio set in Harlan, and entertained several friends with hours of entertainment. He died Jan. 19, 1998, at Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs, at age 93 years and ten months.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Harry and Gene and also one brother who died in infancy. He is survived by his brother, Dale Woods of Fort Smith, AR, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

A Celebration of the Life of Wendell Keffer Woods was held Jan. 22, 1998, at Pauley Funeral Home with C.G. "Gary" Nienkamp officiating. Burial was held in the Harlan Cemetery with Richard Doran, James Bieker, Harley Kruse, Robert Stuhr, Bob Hansen and Harold E. Johnson casket bearers.