



THE LIFE STORY OF —

## Roland B. Adams, 56

**KIRKMAN** — Roland Bruce Adams, son of Harry R. and Beulah (Heilesen) Adams, was born on a farm near Kirkman, on May 9, 1921. He died at the Conroe Medical Center in Conroe, Tex., on Oct. 22, 1977, at age 56 years, 5 months and 13 days. He attended grade school and high school in Kirkman and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. After completing his schooling, he worked on a neighbor's farm before enlisting in the Coast Guard. He served in the South Pacific during WW II and after receiving his honorable discharge, returned to Shelby county.

On Jan. 20, 1946, he married Norma Weber at the Merrill's Grove Baptist church. Five sons were born to this union. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Adams farmed near Kirkman until 1953. Roland then went to work for the Ralston Purina Co. in Irwin and they made their home there until 1958. They then moved to Walnut where Roland was employed by the Pfeister Co. In 1959 they moved to Harlan and Roland began working for the Harvestore Co. In May of 1977 they moved to Conroe, Tex., where he worked as sales manager for Harvestore in the South Texas region. Roland was a member of the First United Methodist church in Harlan. He was a charter member of the Toastmasters and was a past member of the Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150, American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 941, both of Harlan.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents. His survivors include his wife, Norma, of Conroe, Tex.; five sons - Larry, Rick, Jerry and Jamie, of Shenandoah, Tex. and Steven of Omaha, Nebr., and five grandchildren; by his parents, Mr and Mrs Harry R. Adams of Harlan; a sister, Virginia (Mrs Ben Hopkins) of Nevada, Mo.; three brothers - Forrest and Rex Adams, both of Kirkman and Russell Adams of Harlan; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 1977, with Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church in Harlan, officiating. Military rites were conducted at the graveside by the Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150, American Legion of Harlan. Burial was in the Rose Hill cemetery at Kirkman with Ted Allen, Dale Findlay, Donald Poole, Bernard Hansen, Ora H. Babbitt, and Donald F. Goetz serving as casketbearers.