

Gerrit Draayom, Jr. 86

Harlan — Gerrit Draayom, Jr. was born Jan. 4, 1892 in Hospers, son of Gerrit and Jeltje Draayom. He attended public school in Hospers. Gerrit served his country in France during WWI. On Feb. 11, 1920 he married Esther Maris of Orange City. They farmed in the Sibley and Melvin areas before moving to Sheldon in 1945. They later resided in Sioux City and Primghar. The last three years they made their home in Avoca. They were privileged to celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary in Feb. of this year. Mr Draayom was a member of the United Church of Avoca and the Primghar American Legion Post. He died on Friday, April 28, 1978

at Myrtue hospital at age 86 years.

He was preceded in death by an infant son in 1925; his parents; brothers - William, Bertus and Libbe Draayom; sisters, Geeska Pancoast, Egberdiana Vander Welde, Eibertha Niwenhuis, Jeltje De Boer and Fannie Draayom. Survivors include his wife; daughter, Gertrude (Mrs Michael) Ohm of Avoca, his sister - Margarete Anderson of Sioux City, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the United Church of Primghar on Tuesday, May 2, 1978 with Rev. Robert Houser of Avoca, officiating. Burial was in the West Lawn cemetery in Orange City. Military were conducted by the Primghar American Legion.