

Gerald "Jerry" Johnson, 81

Gerald Maynard, son of Elmer and Christina Christinsen Johnson, was born June 16, 1904, in Kirkman. He attended the Kirkman and Harlan schools. On Sept. 8, 1929, he married Esther Marie Olsen. They lived in Harlan for a few years before moving to Manning in 1940. He worked for August Ross at the Ford Garage in Manning and later owned and operated the Champlain gas station. His wife, Esther, died on March 5, 1984.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, a past president of Masonic Lodge and a Past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was also past pres. of the Manning Fire Dept.

He had been in failing health for the past year and died on Monday, Oct. 7, 1985 at Manning Plaza, Manning, at the age of 81 years, 3 months and 21 days.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents: by one son in infancy; by three brothers, Melvin, Everett and Dale; and by two sisters, Cecil and Elsie.

He is survived by one son, Bobbie Dale Johnson and his wife, Virginia, of Manning; by two granddaughters, Teresa Schroeder and her husband, Doug of Manning; and Sonia Johnson of Des Moines; and by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Gerald "Jerry" Johnson were held Wednesday, Oct. 9, 1985 at Ohde Funeral Home in Manning. Pastor Henry Jensen of Calvary Baptist Church, Manning, officiated with Connie Sieper as organist and Larry Genzen as vocalist. Burial was in Manning City cemetery with Gene Olsen, Bill Nelson, Harold Ruhde, Lynn Stein, Don Mohr and Eldis Weems as casketbearers. A Masonic Memorial Service, Manual Lodge 450 AF & AM, was held Tuesday eve., Oct. 8, 1985 at Ohde Funeral Home in Manning.
