

# Helmer W. Marcussen, 61

Harlan - Helmer Woodrow Marcussen, son of Dagmar Norgard and Hans Marcussen was born June 24, 1918 in Jacksonville. He died Monday, April 21, 1980 at Clarkson hospital, Omaha, Nebr., at age 61 years, 9 months and 27 days. Helmer was raised and educated at Jacksonville. He served four years in the Army during W.W. II, serving in Europe for over two years.

With his father and brother, they operated the Marcussen Brothers Trucking and Feed Co. in Jacksonville for many years. In 1948 they sold out and he has been farming in Polk twp. for the past 30 years. On Febr. 8, 1949 he married Opal Petersen in Harlan. This union was blessed with three children.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife - Opal of Kirkman, one son - Terry of Adair, two daughters - Mrs. Ann (Dick) Marcussen Cole of Indianola, and Miss Karen Marcussen, a student at Simpson College in Indianola, one brother - Kermit of Harlan, three sisters - Mrs. Esther Nordgren of Mishawka, Ind., Mrs. Herdis Craig of Palo Alto, Calif., and Mrs Valborg Ritchhart of Des Moines, 12 nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 24, 1980 at Burmeister Funeral Home in Harlan with Rev. Darrell Heidner of the Omaha Benson Baptist church and Rev. Donald E. Thrash of the Harlan First Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Ron Hall, Ward Koos, Bob Larson, Lynn Marcussen, Brain Ritchhart and Wayne Petersen Jr. serving as casketbearers.