

Edwin Martens, 71

PERSIA — Edwin Martens, son of Hartwig and Helena Martens of Persia, was born March 2, 1908. He died Tuesday, July 3, 1979 at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan at age 71 years, 4 months and 1 day.

He married Bernadine Stein in Harlan in Sept, 1929. This union was blessed with 14 children. They spent their married years in and near the Persia area.

He was preceded in death by his wife, an infant son - Donald, two brothers and two sisters. Survivors include four sons - William J. of Omaha, Gerald and Philip of Neola and Darrold of Co Bluffs; nine daughters - Mrs Jacqueline Osbahr, Lucile Cline of Co Bluffs, Marveline Stastny of Omaha, Barbara Pieper, Madge Bargaquast of Neola, Jolene Wisner of Omaha, Margy Klindt of Atlantic, Connie Schneider of Westphalia and Pamela Gilbert of Sioux Falls, So Dak., and 31 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 5, 1979 at the R.L.D.S. church in Persia with Emil Severyn, officiating. Burial was in Valley View cemetery in Persia with his grandsons - Gary Osbahr, Donald and Mark Wood, Richard and Michael Stastny and Scott Bargaquast serving as casketbearers. Honorary casketbearers were Larry Osbahr and Vernon Goodner.