

Obituary

The Life Story of -

Ralph L Martin, 69

Ralph L Martin, son of Thomas Howard and Lillie Irwin Martin, was born on a farm near Sidney, on Oct. 7, 1906. He died at his home in Harlan, on July 12, 1976, at age 69 years, 9 months and 5 days. As a young boy he moved with his parents to Rancolph, where he attended school and grew to adulthood. After graduating from the Randolph high school he lived in Kansas City. In 1939 he moved to Harlan, where he operated a radio shop with his sister and brother-in-law. On Jan. 19, 1941, he married Helen Knouse in Papillion, Neb. Mr and Mrs Martin were privileged to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary this past January. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Martin made their home in Harlan where he was employed as a meter man. Due to illness, he retired in 1966. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Harlan. He had served on the State Tax Commission in the 1940's and had been a member of the Harlan Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 American Legion for over 25 years. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister. He is survived by his wife, Helen of Harlan; a daughter, Janice (Mrs Lloyd White) of Garden Grove, Calif.; two sons, Tom of Harlan and Joel at home; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson; by a sister, Alda (Mrs A. W. Price) of Mesa, Ariz., nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan, Thursday, July 15, 1976, with Father Glenn Rankin, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church in

Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Rex Knouse, Lowell Knouse, Dan Scheumann, Gaylord Pauley, Harry Schuemann, and Steve Schuemann serving as casket-bearers. Military rites were conducted at the graveside by the Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150 American Legion.