

# Ralph W. Monson, 66

**Manning** — Ralph Willard, son of Peter and Florence Barratt Monson, was born March 30, 1913 in Irwin. He attended the schools in Irwin and graduated from the Irwin high school in 1931. In 1934 he came to Manning to work for Albert Puck as gas tank wagon driver and in 1936 purchased the oil business from Pucks. Ralph operated a service station on the west edge of Manning as well as running a bulk wagon service for the surrounding area. He then started to work with the Champlin Oil Co. in 1960, retiring due to poor health in 1975.

Ralph married Lucille Joens in 1935 at Manning. His wife died Sept. 29, 1950 and Ralph raised his family, four children. Ralph's health continued to fail and he spent the last six months in Iowa Lutheran hospital, Des Moines where he died on Friday, Jan. 18, 1980 at age 66 years, 9 months and 18 days. Ralph was a member of Zion Lutheran congregation of Manning.

Beside his wife, Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, by a brother in infancy, by a brother, Paul Monson and by one sister, Mrs Eva McMahon. He is survived by his four children — Duane Monson of Manning, Gary Monson of Audubon, Lance Monson of Des Moines, and Julie (Mrs Doug) Coppernoll of Madison, Wisc., six grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth (Mrs Clifford) Olson of Irwin and Edna (Mrs Kleng) Olson of Hammond, Ind.; one brother, Arlo Monson of Hammond, Ind. and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 21, 1980 at the Zion Lutheran church in Manning with Pastor Edward F. Heinicke, officiating. Burial was in the Manning cemetery with Gerhardt Voge, Stan Tinkham, Lynn Stein George Fischer, Henry Koester, and Ralph Hegedorn serving as casketbearers.

Ohde Funeral Home in Manning was in charge of the arrangements.

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