

# Gilbert Muller

**DEFIANCE** — Gilbert Christie Muller, oldest of 14 children of Peter and Hannah Hulsebus Muller, was born on a farm northwest of Defiance, on Christmas day, 1893. He grew to adulthood on his parent's farm, attending country school and the Salem United Methodist church. On Oct. 12, 1919, he married Rose Nielsen at the Lutheran Parsonage in Harlan. To this union, two sons were born. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Muller farmed north of Defiance until 1923, when they moved to a farm south of Defiance. In Jan. of 1971, they retired from this farm and made their home in Defiance. After Mrs Muller's death on May 17, 1971, Gilbert continued to make his home in Defiance until 1973 when he became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan. During his lifetime, he was an active member of his church, Sardiis Masonic Lodge No. 444 A.F. & A.M. and Eastern Star Chapter No. 182, both of Irwin, Iowa and Abu-Bekr Shrine of Sioux City. Gilbert Muller died at Myrtue Memorial hospital in Harlan on Febr. 11, 1977, at age 83 years, one month and 16 days.

In addition to his wife, Rose, he was preceded in death by his son, Deane, on Jan. 1, 1948; his parents; three brothers - Olin, Joe and Paul Muller; two sisters - Alice (Mrs Harold Hansen) and Joyce (Mrs Dean Paulsen). Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Verlee Muller of Defiance; three brothers - Walter of Harlan, Otto of Placentia, Calif.; and Homer of Glendale, Calif.; five sisters - Mildred (Mrs Lawrence Miller) of Long Beach, Calif., Mamie (Mrs Marion Millis) of Des Moines, Irene (Mrs Stanton Alfred) of Mira Loma, Calif., Delores (Mrs Frank Webb) of Los Angeles, Calif., and Ruth (Mrs Bill Weber) of South Bend, Ind.; four grandchildren - Shari (Mrs Ray Pleak) of Harlan, Bonnie (Mrs Robert Budolfson) of Goldfield, Timothy and Dennis, both of Defiance; five great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Masonic Rites were conducted at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan Sunday, Feb. 13, 1977 by the Sardiis Masonic Lodge No. 444 A.F. & A.M. of Irwin.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan Monday, Febr. 14, 1977 with Rev. Larry LaVelle, pastor of the First United Methodist church in Harlan and Rev. Fred P. Reischl, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church in Audubon, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Joe Rau, Russell Juhl, Norbert Reischl, Joe J. Reischl, Albert Schwarte and Edwin C. Reischl serving as casketbearers.