

Paul Nielsen

ELK HORN — Paul C. Nielsen, son of Hilmer and Marie Mortensen Nielsen, was born Jan. 27, 1924 at Elk Horn. He attended the local school, then Buena Vista College and was a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls with B. A. and M. A. degrees in Music. He married Helen Pedersen on Dec. 26, 1945 in Elk Horn. Four children were born to this union. From 1940-1959 he was a music teacher in the Belle Plaine school system. In 1959 he built and managed the Belle Plaine Bowling Alley. He sold the alley in 1973 and served as a music instructor at the Waterloo schools. He was an agent for the Thomas Murphy Co. in Red Oak. He also served his country during WW II. Paul died at his home in Belle Plaine, Dec. 23, 1976 at age 52 years, 10 months, 29 days.

Survivors include his wife - one son - Lonnie Nielsen of Belle Plaine; three daughters - Pamela Bartachek of Cedar Rapids; Cathy Nielsen of Dallas, Tex., and Loree Nielsen of Belle Plaine; his mother - Marie Nielsen of Elk Horn, a brother - Orval Nielsen of LeMars; a sister Heleen Nielsen of Storm Lake and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the First Congregational church in Belle Plaine on Monday, Dec. 27, 1976. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery.