

## Helmer Olsen, 60

Harlan — Helmer Howard Olsen, son of Nels and Anna Laugensen Olsen was born on a farm in Lincoln twp., Shelby county on Dec. 5, 1918. He was baptized and confirmed at the Harlan Immanuel Lutheran church. He attended country school and grew to adulthood on his parent's farm. Helmer entered the armed forces in June of 1942 and served overseas for 21 months with the 376th Parachute Artillery Battalion. After receiving his honorable discharge in July of 1945, he returned to Shelby county where he farmed for a number of years. He spent his later life in Chariton.

Mr Olsen died at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Des Moines on Wednesday, May 2, 1979, at age 60 years, 4 months and 27 days. Helmer had attended the Lutheran church throughout his life and was a member of the American Legion Post No. 322 of Elk Horn.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Jane Olsen. Survivors include five sisters - Agneta (Mrs Harvey B. Jensen) of Elk Horn, Ruby (Mrs Dale Christensen) of Russell, Betty (Mrs William C. Boeck) of Portsmouth, Darlene (Mrs Robert Saltmarsh) of Elk Horn and Erma Lee (Mrs Marvin Roenfeld) of Okabena, Minn., nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at Pauley Funeral Home in Harlan on Saturday, May 5, 1979, with Pastor Clifford H. Nelson of the Immanuel Lutheran church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, with Brian Boeck, Terry Boeck, Ronald Christensen and Richard Christensen as honorary bearers and James Boeck, Steven Boeck, Dennis Jensen, Jack Christensen, Robbie Saltmarsh and Brian Kleinwolterink serving as casketbearers.