

The Life Story of --

ROY R. RICHARDS, 78

Roy R. Richards, son of George and Etta Fuller Richards was born on a farm near Kearney in Buffalo county, Nebr., on July 29, 1896. He died at Bishop Clarkson Memorial hospital in Omaha, Nebr., on Jan. 26, 1975, at age 78 years, 5 months and 27 days. He grew to adulthood in the Kearney vicinity, attending country school and helping his dad on the farm. His mother died when he was 15 years of age. On June 1, 1918 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving his country overseas during WWI. He received his honorable discharge from the Navy Reserve on Sept. 30, 1919. On Sept. 1, 1920, he married Winnie Prindle in the Methodist Parsonage at Kearney, Nebr. After their marriage, Mr and Mrs Richards farmed near Kearney where all three of their children were born. In 1941, Mr and Mrs Richards moved to Iowa, farming first near Kirkman and in 1947 near Corley. In 1960 they retired from farming and moved into Harlan. Mr and Mrs Richards were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in Sept. of 1970. Mr Richards was a member of the Methodist church all of his adult life, joining the First United Methodist church of Harlan in 1947. He has been a member of WW I Veterans Barracks No. 1508 for many years.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Mrs Clarabel Neilsen on May 6, 1951. He is survived by his wife - Winnie of Harlan; his daughter - Frances (Mrs Francis Petersen) of Harlan; his son - Harold Richards of Elk Horn; five granddaughters and seven great grandchildren; by one sister - Mrs Bee Fisher of Clearfield, Utah and one brother - Homer Richards of Kearney, Nebr.; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1975 at the First United Methodist church in Harlan with Rev Larry LaVelle, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Joe Maiwald, Albert Wunder, Edward Jensen, Robert Lansman, Norman Sorenson and Wilbert Svendsen serving as casket bearers. Military Rites at the graveside were by members of World War I Veterans Barracks No. 1508 and American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150.