

**Joseph A. Semrad, 69**

Harlan — Joseph Albert Semrad, son of Anna S. Sobotka and Henry B. Semrad was born April 8, 1911, in Abie, Neb. He died in Clarkson hospital, Omaha on Monday, March 23, 1981, at age 69 years, 11 months and 15 days. He was educated in the Abie rural schools and graduated from the Schuyler high school in 1929. He taught rural school for six years in Butler County, Neb.

On June 19, 1935, he married to Margaret Bohaty at Auburn, Neb. He sold automobiles in the area for three years before moving to Idaho, where he sold cars until entering the Navy in 1943. Following WW II, he moved his family to Harlan, here he has sold cars, feed and chemicals for the rest of his life. He was a member of the Parian Lodge No. 321, AF & AM, 8 Ball Flying Club and Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150, American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Margaret of Harlan, one son, Robert Semrad of Arlington, S.D., one brother, Emil Semrad of David City, Neb., and two grandchildren; Rexford and Charlotte, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 26, 1981 at Burmeister Funeral Home with Rev. Donald C. Thrash, officiating. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery with Ray Rau, Mel Book, Howard Ruth, Bob Sullivan, Nick Gubbels, Arthur Camery, Marvin Hansen, Emory L. Hansen, Woodrow W. Hansen and Austin Scheuring serving as honorary bearers and John Semrad, Ardian Chermak, Richard Semrad, Joe Vandenberg, Kenneth Kloewer and Allan Vandenberg serving as casketbearers.