

Winfield S. Smathers, 89

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Winfield Scott Smathers, son of Horace and Olive Williams Smathers was born Feb. 12, 1894 in Clarion co., Penn. Following high school, he attended Clarion State Teachers College and taught in a country school. At age 18 he came to Iowa, lived at the Framptons' farm and taught in Monroe and Shelby twp. schools in Shelby co. He later attended business college in Omaha and in June, 1917, entered the U.S. Navy. He served as a radio technician from then until honorably discharged in Oct., 1919.

In 1920 he married Mabel Nissen and they farmed for many years and reared a family of two boys and a girl. Retiring from farming they moved to Walnut, where he worked as a carpenter and a painter. He was a member of the United Presbyterian church, the American Legion Post No. 422 and the Walnut Masonic Lodge. Mrs Smathers died Nov. 29, 1969, and he moved to Peace Haven in 1972. He died on Friday, June 24, 1983 at Veterans' Medical Center in Omaha at the age of 89 years, 4 months and 12 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and two sisters. He is survived by two sons, Rondo Smathers of Omaha and Dale Smathers of Fremont, Calif.; and a daughter, Mrs Kenneth (Lois) Zirk of Portland, Oreg.; a brother, Gorman Smathers of Bethlehem, Pa.; three sisters, Margaret Port of Clarion, Pa., Mildred Callahan of Kane, Pa. and Mabel Whitehill of Warren, Pa.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednes-



day, June 29, 1983 at the First United Presbyterian church in Walnut with the Rev. Harvey Beach, officiating. Following the Presbyterian service, a Masonic lecture was given by Robert. D. Christensen of Harlan, assisted by Dale Sievers of the Walnut Masonic Lodge.

Bearers were Herbert Mertz, George Mertz, Rondo Rossmann, Tom Fell, Harry Walter and Kenneth Fredrechs. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery.