

John H. Steenhusen, 84

Irwin — John Henry, son of Peter and Emma Boldt Steenhusen was born Dec. 13, 1893, at Irwin. He attended the Irwin schools and the Duncoody Institute in Minneapolis. He served his country during WW I. John married Alma Rostermund on April 30, 1924. This union was blessed with two sons. John was baptized in 1947 and has been a member of the Church of Christ since that time. He worked for his father for many years in the hardware store and implement business. After his father's death, he formed a partnership with his brother, Peter and after several years operated the John Deere Implement business by himself. In the later years his two sons worked with him until Dec. 31, 1969 when John retired.

John has been president of the Farmers Savings Bank of Irwin for many years, a member of the Masonic Lodge for 53 years, which he served as Master. He served on the volunteer Fire Department for many years. He was on the Board of Directors of the Government Housing Project. He has been a member of the American Legion for 59 years and also a member of WW I Veterans Barracks No. L508 of Harlan.

John died at Myrtue Memorial hospital early Thursday, Dec. 7, 1978, at age of 84 years, 11 months and 24 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, by two brothers, Henry and Peter, three sisters — Alys S. Rasmussen, Mary Welsch and Irena Fossell. Survivors include his wife — Alma; two sons — John Lewis and George, both of Irwin; four grandchildren; three sisters — Dora (Mrs Walter) Andersen of Harlan; Laura (Mrs Edgar) Mellor of Tucson, Ariz. and Edith (Mrs Lester) Frees of Lakefield, Minn., and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 11, 1978 at the Church of Christ in Irwin, with Marty Burgus, officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery in Irwin, with Earl W. Knudson, Gaylord Heilesen, Wilber Wetzel, Keith Fiscus, Allen Birks and Normal Richards serving as casket-bearers. Honorary bearers were Jim Wickersham, Emil Will, C.M. Carter, Archie Petersen and Merle Moore.

Ohde Funeral Home in Manning was in charge of arrangements.

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