

## John Williams, 61

John Joseph Williams, son of Annie Else and Joseph C. Williams was born Oct. 16, 1920, at Dows. He died at the Nebraska Methodist hospital in Omaha on Friday, April 23, 1982, at the age of 61 years. He attended Dows School and graduated from the Latimer high school in 1939.

He was employed for the Viking Pump Co. in Cedar Falls, before attending the Chillicotte Business School in Chillicotte, Mo.

On Oct. 2, 1948 he married Betty Ann March at Iowa Falls and to this union three children were born. He served in the U.S. Army for four years during World War II, and has been employed for the Chicago North Western Railroad for 30 years, retiring in Nov. of 1980.

He was baptized and confirmed at the St. Paul's Lutheran church in Latimer, and was a member of the Irwin St. Paul's Lutheran church. He has served on the church council and was just appointed as Church Treasurer. He has been a member of the Irwin Volunteer Fire Department for 17 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 5 brothers, LeRoy, Howard, Carl and two in infancy; two sisters, Mrs Edith Johnson and Mrs Bernice Merriss. Survivors include his wife Betty of Irwin; two sons, Pastor Michael Williams of Carthage, Ill. and Mark Williams, a student at Waldorf College in Forest City, and one daughter, Miss Debra Jean Williams of Omaha; three brothers, Lyle of Dows, Merle of Thornton, and Elwood of Iowa Falls; two sisters, Mrs Fern March of Coulter and Mrs Fonda

Smith of Hampton; many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 26, 1982, at the St. Paul's Lutheran church in Irwin, with Pastor Tim Zingale officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery, Irwin, with Michael Fara, Walter Murry, Ronald Hansen, Carroll Paulson, Kevin McCarville and Lyle Williams Jr. serving as casketbearers.

Services were conducted by the Burmeister Funeral Home, Harlan.