

## **Ernie H. Aschbrenner, 80**

**WAVERLY** - Ernie H. Aschbrenner, 80, died Monday eve., Nov. 20, 1989, at the Shell Rock Care Center where he had been a resident since Jan. 1, 1986.

He was born Nov. 6, 1909, near Tripoli, Iowa, the son of Herman and Josephine Rosenkranz Aschbrenner. At an early age, he moved with his family to N.D., where they lived for two years before moving to northern WI., where he attended school. In 1926, he and his family returned to Iowa and made their home in Sumner, until 1928 when they moved into Waverly. That same year, he went to work for the Chicago Great Western Railroad. In 1934, he married Alma Hills in Galena, IL. They made their home in Waverly until 1937 when he was transferred to Irwin, and he became Section Forman. In 1950, he was transferred to Harlan, where he worked until returning to Waverly in 1954. Dec. 17, 1962, he married Esther Heldenmaier Hirsch in Preston, MN. The couple continued to live in Waverly where he worked until retiring from the railroad in 1974. In Dec. of 1984, he suffered a stroke and in 1986 he became a resident of the Shell Rock Care Center.

He is survived by his wife, Esther of Waverly; his children, Harold Aschbrenner of Lewisville, TX.; George Aschbrenner of Cedar Falls; Melvin Aschbrenner of Waverly; Ray Aschbrenner of Waverly; Joyce (Mrs Jim) Williamson of Cedar Falls; by four brothers, Arnold, Adolph of Hampton; August of Ft. Dodge; Harry of Waterloo; one sister, Laura (Mrs Forrest) Smith of Vancouver, WA.; one sister-in-law, Clara Hunemuller of Tripoli; by three step-children, Rebecca Henkle of Waverly; James Hirsch of Dubuque; Clyde Hirsch of Hacienda Heights, CA.; by sixteen grandchildren; four step-grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Lorraine in infancy; two brothers, George and Wernold; one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Nov. 24, 1989 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Waverly, with Vicar Fred Kivi officiating with burial in Harlington cemetery, Waverly.