

Richard Mark Coe, 81

AVOCA - Richard Mark Coe was born on Sept. 16, 1907 in Oakland. He was the son of Elmer A. and Ruby B. Humbert Coe. He was one of four children. He had attended CCC Camp during the summer of 1924. He graduated from the Hancock High School in 1925. After graduation he attended the University of Nebraska.

He married Florence LeRette in Co. Bluffs on May 26, 1928. They were the parents of two children. The family moved to Oregon in 1929. He worked in a Ford Plant for 5 months before returning to Hancock. He was employed as Deputy Clerk of District Court from 1933 to 1941. In 1941 he became an officer of the Avoca State Bank and in 1988 he was appointed Executive Vice President of the bank. He retired from the Avoca State Bank in 1981 after 40 years of service. He was a member of the Rotary Club, Community Club, Professional Business Club and Treasurer of the AvoHa school board. He was also a member of the United Church of Avoca and served on the Session of the Church. Dick and Florence spent the winters of 1983 through 1988 in Phoenix, AZ., where their son Dick lived. They had observed their 61st wedding anniversary on May 26, 1989.

He was confined to his home during the last few years due to emphysema. He died at Methodist Hospital in Omaha on June 15, 1989 at age 81 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Daniel and Jerry. Survivors include his wife, Florence of Avoca; his daughter, Norma Jean and her husband, Dean Allgood of Omaha; his son, Richard and his wife, Irmgard Coe of Phoenix; his sister, Ruth Wallen of Wheeling, IL.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were June 19, 1989 at United Church of Avoca with Dr. Robert Houser, officiating. Casketbearers were Lonn Jacobsen, Kenneth Woltmann, James Klindt, Duane Johnson, Jim Suhr and Ronnie Nielsen. Burial was in Oakhill cemetery, Hancock.