

Floyd L. Grage, 74

MANILLA - Floyd, son of Chris and Ida Wenzel Grage, was born May 3, 1914 near Manilla. He attended rural schools. As a young man he worked for his uncle in the trucking business, eventually purchasing his own truck.

On Feb. 16, 1939, he married Irene Lueth. Three children were born to this union, a son, Johnny, who died as an infant and two daughters, Marlys and Marilyn. He continued in the trucking business and in 1946 acquired a grain elevator and feed business in Manilla which was operated as Grage Elevator Company; he had a fleet of two semi and five straight trucks. In 1958, they purchased an 80 acre farm near Manilla. The elevator business was sold in 1974. He was employed by the Manilla Grain Terminal until 1980.

In addition to operating and managing his business, he gave his time to civic affairs. He served with the Manilla Fire Dept. for a total of 45 years from 1938 until 1983. Starting in 1949, he was Nishnabotna Twp. Clerk for 30 years and he served on the Manilla city council for 34 years. He had been in failing health since 1983. He died May 28, 1988, at his home in Manilla at age 74 years and 25 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Johnny, in infancy; three brothers, Ed, Harold and Marvin; a sister, Verna (Mrs Harold) Vehrs and a sister-in-law, Doris (Mrs Kenneth) Grage. He is survived by his wife, Irene of Manilla; two daughters, Marlys Schram of Santa Barbara, CA and Marilyn (Mrs William) Miller of Manilla; five grandchildren; one sister, Elenora Macumber of Manilla; three brothers, Leo Grage of Irwin; Ray Grage of Phoenix, AZ and Kenneth Grage of Manilla.

Funeral services were June 2, 1988 at Ohde Funeral Home in Manilla with Pastor Frank Christ of the First Presbyterian Church, Manilla officiating. Burial was in the Nishnabotna cemetery, Manilla with Frank Macumber, Glen Macumber, Shane Miller, Jim Macumber, Roland Grage and Eddie Schram as casket bearers.