

## **Fred Griffith; 86** ✓

**Nov. 24, 1911 - March 30, 1998**

**WALNUT** - Fred Richardson Griffith was born Nov. 24, 1911, at Walnut. He was the son of John and Flora Meyer Griffith and was one of eight children in the family. He attended school in Walnut and graduated in 1932 from Walnut High School. He enlisted with the United States Army in 1942, serving his country during World War II in the Philippines. Following his military service, he worked as a farm laborer for various farmers in the Walnut area. He became a resident of the Iowa Veterans Home Oct. 3, 1973. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Walnut; and the Walnut American Legion. He died at the Veterans Hospital in Des Moines, March 30, 1998, at age 86 years, four months and six days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Alderman, Albert, George and Frank, and one sister, Mary Smith. He is survived by two sisters, Edith Cade of Walnut, and Viola Reed of Co. Bluffs; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held April 4, 1998, at the Knutson Funeral Chapel, Walnut, with Rev. William Beatty officiating. Military graveside rites were conducted by the Walnut American Legion and Am Vets. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Hancock. Casket bearers were David Woltmann, John Woltmann, Stanley Corey, John Sampson, Elwyn Ferry and Dennis Book.