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## **Melvin M. Jacobsen, 77**

**WALNUT** — Melvin Moritz Jacobsen was born in Layton twp., Pottawattamie county on Aug. 6, 1910. He was the son of Arthur Moritz and Ida Amelia Bees. He attended Walnut High School and graduated in 1928. He continued his education by attending Iowa State College at Ames. He married Wanda Rieck on Sept. 28, 1935 at Walnut.

After many years with his father's trucking firm, he joined Peter Kewit Construction Firm in Omaha and spent four years in Greenland and Portsmouth, Ohio. He then returned to Walnut and bought the family business. He retired in 1975. He was a lifetime member of the Peace Church, a member of the Walnut Community Club, an avid supporter of Little League baseball, and a volunteer fireman for many years. He died Dec. 10, 1987 at the Cass County Memorial hospital in Atlantic at age of 77 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Lorene Bigelow. He is survived by his wife, Wanda; one son, Robert Jacobsen of Tipton and two daughters, Judith (Mrs James) Wurster of Lenox and Sally (Mrs Ron) Engels of Oak Park, IL; 13 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, one niece, Carol Ann Bigelow Rowland of El Paso, TX and many relatives.

Funeral services were Dec. 12, 1987 at Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut with Rev. Michelle Scott and Rev. Wayne Selsor, officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery with Ronald Engels, Thomas Engels, Gregory Wurster, Brandon Jacobsen, Suzanne Engels, Robert Engels, Michael Engels, Jason Wurster, Dustin Jacobsen, Nicole Jacobsen and Walter Rieck serving as casketbearers. Berthussen-Knutson Funeral Home in Avoca was in charge of arrangements.