

Earl "Bud" Knudson, 75

June 15, 1917 — Jan. 15, 1993

IRWIN — Earl Wayne "Bud" Knudson, son of Louis and Helen (Larson) Knudson was born June 15, 1917, at Otto. He died Jan. 15, 1993, at Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan at age 75 years and seven months. He lived with his family in Hartington, NE., until he was about 16 years old. At that time, his mother and father died, and he came to Irwin, to make his home with the Roy Larson family.

Oct. 23, 1938, he was baptized at the Christian Church in Irwin. He worked for the Roy Larson family for a time before entering the U.S. Navy June 30, 1942. He served his country during WW II as a Fire Controlman Second Class in the Asiatic-Pacific Area and the European-African area. After his honorable discharge June 29, 1946, he returned to the Irwin area where he worked in the grocery store for a time before becoming the Postmaster in Irwin. This was a position he held for the next 32 years. He was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Irwin; the Austin Earl Hiatt American Legion Post #614, the Sardi Lodge No. 444 A.F. & A.M. Masonic Lodge and the Irwin Chapter, No. 182 Order of Eastern Star, all of Irwin, and the Abu-Bekr Temple Shrine of Sioux City.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jerold Knudson; three foster brothers, Paul, Robert and Richard Larson; and one great grandchild, Tricia Marie Williams. He is survived by his son, Gerald Knudson (Arlys) of Fort Dodge; three granddaughters; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ione McMann of Simi, CA.; Lois Brandow of Hartington, NE.; and Agenta Wickstrom of Grantsburg, WI.; two foster sisters, Mary Larson of Joplin, MO.; and Dixie Thompson of Mesa, AZ.; nieces and nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Jan. 19, 1993 at the United Methodist Church in Irwin with Rev. Walter Bernard and Rev. Richard Riepe, officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery in Irwin with Military Rites by the Austin Earl Hiatt American Legion, Post #614 of Irwin. Honorary casketbearers were Mark Larson, Thomas Knudson, Alan Larson, Larry McMann, Jerald Knudson, Monte McMann, William Cerwick, Eric Thompsen, Patrick Gallagher, Patrick McMann, Warren Hansen, Douglas McMann and Rich Knudson. Active casketbearers were Paul Larson, Bob Larson, Merlin Craig, Rick Helmers, Richard Strom, John Williams, Gary Wickstrom and Dwayne Strom. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.