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## **Arthur Hans Koehrsen, 87**

**Oct. 14, 1904 — March 17, 1992**

**WALNUT** — Arthur Hans Koehrsen was born on a farm north of Walnut, Oct. 14, 1904. He was the son of John and Bertha Fischer Koehrsen. He was one of five children in the family. The family moved into Walnut in 1917 and he attended school in Walnut and graduated in 1924. He worked in the family garage in Walnut and also worked on a farm until 1937 when he and his father began to operate the Clover Farm Grocery Store in Walnut. He enlisted in the Navy in 1941 and served until the spring of 1943 when he received a medical discharge.

In 1943 he married Elsie Kuhn Hoffmann and they consolidated their two stores into the Hoffmann and Koehrsen Store. The business continued until 1963 at which time they sold the store and he became a rural mail carrier. He retired in 1973. He was very active in community organizations having belonged to the Masonic Lodge for over 50 years, 50 years of Community

Club Membership, 12 years as a city council member, 12 years as a member of the church board in the Peace United Church of Christ and being a member of both the Amvets and the American Legion and the Walnut Volunteer Fire Dept. Elsie died Sept. 2, 1979. He lived for several years at the Peace Haven Retirement Home in Walnut until becoming a resident of the Salem Lutheran Home in Elk Horn. He died at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs March 17, 1992, at age 87.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Elsie; one son, Dale Hoffmann and three brothers, Alvin, Herbert and Lawrence. Survivors include two daughters, Ruth Metz of Salt Lake City, UT., and Mary Hoffmann of Des Moines; one daughter-in-law, Jeanne Hoffmann of Ft. Dodge; five grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; one sister, Wilma Crane of Philadelphia, PA.; 9 nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held March 19, 1992, at the Peace United Church of Christ in Walnut with Pastor Neil Schroeder and Pastor Steven Gronseth, officiating. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery. Casketbearers were Robert Jensen, Clifford Fischer, Russell Haworth, Donald Nielsen, Orvie Fischer and Tom Heilig. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.