

## Harold F. Kuchel, 78

Harold Fred Kuchel, one of eight children of Fred and Emma Wiese Kuchel, was born near Irwin, on July 24, 1908. After attending Irwin school and working on the family farm, he spent several years on a ranch near Great Falls, MT. He then returned to Iowa, working for a time at Marne.

On March 16, 1938, he married Ruby Christensen, daughter of Martin and Clara Christensen of Atlantic. They operated a restaurant in Elk Horn until 1941, when they moved to Walnut. He managed the Home Produce and Feed Co., here until he entered the Army during WW II. As a soldier he saw much of Europe with most of his service in Belgium.

Following the war, he helped organize the Walnut AmVet Post No. 45. As a national charter member of the AmVets and serving as a local and district officer, he was continuously involved with veterans' affairs since 1946. He was well known throughout the area, having operated a dairy for 15 years and having worked as a technician for Midwest Breeders for 16 years. He also drove a school bus for Walnut Community school for 23 years. He was truly a man of many interests.

He died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 1986 at the Griswold care center in Griswold, following a long illness, at age 78 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and six brothers and sisters. He is survived by his wife, Ruby at Peace Haven in Walnut, and their daughter, Rose Marie (Mrs Dan) Nastali, who lives in Kansas City; one brother, Wm. Kuchel of Arcata, CA.; and many other relatives.

Services were held Nov. 13, 1986 at the Berthusen-Knutson Funeral Home in Walnut, with Rev. Wayne Selsor of Bellevue, NE., officiating with Howard Gaer, Virgil Andresen, Harold Hansen, Steven Christensen and Dan Larsen, serving as casketbearers. Burial was in the Walnut cemetery following graveside rites by Walnut AmVets Post No. 45 and Walnut American Legion Post No. 422.