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Russell E. Paulsen, 84

July 31, 1910 - Jan. 10, 1995

Irwin - Russell Eugene Paulsen, son of Paul K. and Ora E. (Johnson) Paulsen was born July 31, 1910 at Fremont, NE. He attended school in Harlan and Danbury and graduated from Irwin High School in 1927. He then attended the University of Iowa at Iowa City.

In 1931 he married Fern M. Ruhs. They became the parents of one son, John. Except for several years during WWII when he was employed in defense work in Alameda, CA and Hastings and Ornaha, NE he spent most of his entire life in Paulsen's Store, a family owned business in Irwin. He became a resident of the Baptist Memorial Home in Harlan March 29, 1979 and this has been his home since that time. He was a long time member of the United Methodist Church in Irwin and an active member of the Irwin Chamber of Commerce before his retirement in 1974 as well as being an avid gardener. He died Jan. 10, 1995 at the Baptist Memorial Home at age

84 years, five months and 10 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. He is survived by one son John of Lake View; three grandchildren, Lisa (David) Putnam of Oakland; Andrea (Allan) Olson of Griswold and Joel (Corina) Paulsen of Corpus Christi, TX; eight grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Mildred Fogarty of Phoenix, AZ; Loa Rueber of Canada and Caryl Clark of LaJolla, CA; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 13, 1995 at the United Methodist Church in Irwin with Rev. Joseph P. Boysen officiating. Burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery in Irwin with Randy Birks, Alan Larson, Richard McMahon, Larry Petersen, Allan Olson and David Putnam casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.