

## **Ferdinand Theodore Peiester, 83**

**July 13, 1908 — June 29, 1992**

**AVOCA** — Ferdinand Theodore Peiester was born in rural Shelby county, July 13, 1908. He was raised on a farm and attended school in Avoca. After graduation in 1926, he entered Iowa State University, where he earned a degree in Forestry. During his years at Iowa State, he joined the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. After college, he worked for the Avoca State Bank, Northrup Air Craft, the National Park Service in both Omaha and Denver, and Fish, Wildlife and Park Services in CA.. He was a 50 year member of Mt. Nebo Masonic Lodge of Avoca. He returned to Iowa to retire. He became a resident of Colonial Manor Nursing Home Feb. 24, 1988, when his health began to fail. He died at Jennie Edmundson Hospital, June 29, 1992, at age 83 years, 11 months and 16 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Elsie Peiester and Henrietta Stender. He is survived by two sisters, Karla Carroll and Alma McKinley, both residents of Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Avoca; one niece, Betty (Bill) Roberts of Omaha, NE.; three great-nieces and their families and other relatives.

Graveside services were held July 2, 1992 at the Graceland cemetery in Avoca with Dr. Robert Houser, officiating. Casketbearers were Duane Harrington, Kenneth Osbahr, Gary Osbahr, R.W. Dea, Harold Howlett and Albert Trobough. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.