

Robert Platenberg, 77

Aug. 21, 1921 - Oct. 9, 1998

GOLDEN, CO - Robert Joseph Platenberg was born Aug. 21, 1921, on a farm near Kirkman, son of Vivian and Josephine Platenberg. He was a grandson of Ole B. Olson, a longtime farmer in the Kirkman area. He graduated from the Harlan High School in 1940. In World War II he served the U.S. Army as medical corpsman in New Guinea and the Philippines. After earning education degrees at the University of Iowa, he became teacher and administrator at schools in Mitchellville, WY and Elwood. In 1957, he joined the Department of Defense school system for DOD dependents and served in France and Germany for 35 years. His last 20 years were as principal of the DOD Elementary School, Darmstadt, Germany. In 1993 he retired in Golden, CO. He died Oct. 9, 1998, in a Wheat Ridge, CO hospital of a heart attack.

He is preceded in death by a brother, William Platenberg, Jr.; a sister, Frances Platt, and a daughter, Robin. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, formerly of Lincoln, NE; a son, Rod of Marthasville, MO; and a daughter, Renata, now working for a doctorate at Kent University in Canterbury, England. Also surviving are a sister, Dorothy Buckley of Seal Beach, CA; and two grandchildren..

Funeral services were held Oct. 13, 1998, at Crown Hill Cemetery Chapel, Wheat Ridge, CO.