

Glenn F. Thummel, 85

July 25, 1914 - Sept. 4, 1999

HARLAN - Glenn Frank Thummel, son of Frank and Alice (Butts) Thummel, was born July 25, 1914, in Bedford. Glenn was a graduate of Bedford High School in 1931. He attended Northwest Missouri State College for two years and then transferred to the University of Iowa, where he graduated with a B.S. degree in business administration in 1939. He taught in rural schools near his home community to pay his way through college.

July 27, 1941, he married Vera Dorothy Current. Just ten months after their marriage, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He attended Officer Candidate School in Miami Beach, Harvard University and Wichita, KS, where he was Assistant Adjutant General of the Base Operations, Material Command. He received his honorary discharge in 1945. At the end of WWII until 1948, he was employed by the Iowa State Department of Health and Welfare. He was with the Internal Revenue Service in Audubon and Co. Bluffs for the next eight years, after which he accepted a position at the Savings and Loan Association in Harlan. He served as president and Managing Officer of the Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Harlan, which included branch offices in Red Oak, Panora, Atlantic, Audubon and Avoca, and maintained this association with Home Federal until his retirement. In addition, he instituted a tax service in 1966, that he continued for many years after his retirement. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan where he served as treasurer and financial secretary for over 20 years, also choir member, lay leader and officer in the Methodist Men's Club. He was a member of Kiwanis and served in all the offices, and was Man-of-the Year in 1965. He was a member of the Harlan Chamber of Commerce for 30 years, a board member and 1971 Man-of-the Year. He was a member of the Harlan Building Corporation for 20 years, the Harlan Planning and Zoning Board for 25 years, Western District YMCA Board for 10 years, a 34-year member of the Masonic Lodge serving as past master and was president and board member of Area 13 Rehabilitation Center. He was a University of Iowa Alumni Association Life Member, was a board member for 20 years, on the founding committee and charter member of the Southwest Iowa Mental Health Clinic in Atlantic, a supporter of various charities including Community Chest, Boy's Clubs of America, PTA and AFS and Red Cross. He was professionally involved with Iowa Savings and League Board as a member and chairman, National Legislative Committee, National Trends and Policy Committee, various state level workshops and committees and in February of 1971, he was Man-of-the-Month of the Iowa State Industrial Development Commission. He died Sept. 4, 1999, at Omaha, at age 85 years, one month and 10 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Olin and Duane. Survivors include his wife, Vera, of Harlan; his son, Craig Thummel (Mary Ann) of Houston, TX; his daughters, Ann (Steve) Bigler of Waterloo and Kristen (Joe) Plank of Mason City; his grandchildren, Nikki Thummel of Phoenix, AZ; Marin Plank of Monterey, CA; Ben Plank of Iowa City; Meghan Paulk of Nashville, TX; Charlie Paulk of Iowa City; and Allison Paulk of Eau Claire, WI; and other relatives.

Memorial services were held Sept. 9, 1999, at Elm Crest Retirement Center Chapel and at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, both in Harlan. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.