

Raymond Van Slyke, 83

PORTSMOUTH - Raymond Brokaw "Butch" Van Slyke, son of Frank and Ethel (Brokaw) Van Slyke, was born at Manilla on July 7, 1904. He died at his home in Portsmouth, March 8, 1988, at age 83 years, eight months and one day. He attended grade school and graduated from Manilla High School, later attended Morningside College in Sioux City and then worked in a machine shop for two years.

On Aug. 20, 1934, he married Elizabeth "Betty" Stinn in Manilla. After their marriage, they operated a restaurant in Manilla, and then moved to Portsmouth where they operated a meat market grocery store. They then lived in Hampton, for a short time before returning to Portsmouth in 1944 where they operated the Portsmouth Locker until they retired in 1972. After the death of Betty in 1976, he continued to make his home in Portsmouth. He was a past member of the Masonic Lodge, and had been a member of the Portsmouth Volunteer Fire Dept. for many years.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by one brother, Wendell, and two sisters, Adah and Frances. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held March 12, 1988 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor George Gibson of the First United Methodist Church in Harlan officiating, assisted by Rev. Bud Grant of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. Burial was in St. Mary's cemetery, Portsmouth with Joe Bruck, Rich Heller, Leonard Rau, Walter Reisz, Lester Schmitz, and Paul Leinen, Sr. serving as honorary casket bearers. Al Skalla, Mike Bruck, Jack Slaven, Gary Kohles, Ronald R. Reinig and Nick Schechinger, Jr. served as active casket bearers. Pauley Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.