

Robert M. Flaherty, 64

KNOXVILLE — Robert was born Sept. 8, 1923, in Charter Oak, the son of James T. and Margaret Owens Flaherty. Following graduation from Irwin High School in 1942, he entered the Marine Corps serving in the South Pacific. He married Ellen Kenney Sept. 1, 1951 in Clinton. He was an Optician in Des Moines and Knoxville until 1968. He retired from the VA Medical Center in Knoxville 1978. He was a member of the Knoxville VFW and American Legion. He was also a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Knoxville. He died Jan. 16, 1988 in the VA hospital in Knoxville at age 64 years, 4 months and 8 days.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers. He is survived by his wife; one son, John of Tempe, AZ; one daughter, Paula of Des Moines; five brothers, Howard and Timothy of Knoxville; James N. of Harlan; Bernard of Santa Ana, CA and Francis of Bettendorf and one sister, Pauline Waggoner of Omaha.

Services were held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Knoxville with Rev. Theodore Hay, officiating. Burial was in Graceland cemetery, Knoxville with Harvey Elliott, Adolph Larson, Ben Smith, Bill Stuchel, Dave Burken and Denis Flaherty serving as casket bearers. Evans-McCleery Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.