

Ralph Allen Maassen, 75

May 21, 1918 - Feb. 28, 1994

Walnut - Ralph Allen Maassen was born near Avoca May 21, 1918. He was the son of Julius and Sena Andersen Maassen and was one of 11 children in the family. He attended country and Avoca schools. He worked for a few years prior to joining the Marine Corps July 8, 1942 and served for over 3 years, being discharged in 1945. He married Betty Jane Boll Aug. 20, 1948 in Co. Bluffs. They were the parents of one son Jimmy. He farmed for 37 years, retiring in 1986. He served as president of the Nishnabotna Valley R.E.C. and was a member of that Board until retiring in 1989. He was also a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Walnut. He died Feb. 28, 1994 at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Co. Bluffs following an extended battle with cancer at age 75 years, 9 months and 7 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers; Dale, Curtis, Gerald and Howard and a sister, Orpha Stamp. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jane, his son, Jimmy of Walnut, two granddaughters; a sister, Joan (Bernard) Andersen of Atlantic; four brothers, Walter and Francis Maassen, both living in Walnut, Willis Maassen (Betty), and John Maassen (Maxine); two sisters-in-law, Geneva Maassen and Jeanette Maassen, all living in Avoca; a brother-in-law, Raymond Stamp of Walnut; his mother-in-law, Dorothy Boll of Walnut; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Vicky and Franklin Brodale and other relatives.

Memorial services were held March 3, 1994 at the Knutson Funeral Chapel with Rev Gerald Oliver officiating. Inurnment was in the Shelby cemetery. Knutson Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements.