

John R. McNerney, 81

June 20, 1910 — March 27, 1992

HARLAN — John R. McNerney, son of Robert and Mary (Rurode) McNerney, was born June 20, 1910, in Coin. He graduated from Coin High School in 1928 and married Mildred Murphy in 1929. He worked for Safeway grocery stores for a number of years, and then worked with Fareway grocery stores in Nevada and Storm Lake for many years. After operating a Spirit Lake resort for several years, he came to Harlan in 1971. He then worked at the Harlan Coast to Coast for ten years. His wife, Mildred preceded him in death in Dec., 1970.

Sept. 18, 1971, he married Marjorie Beavers (Burnal) Howard in Harlan. He was an active member of the Harlan Golden K Kiwanis Club, and served as an elder at the Harlan First Christian Church. He also served as chairman of the board of the First Christian Church for many years. He died March 27, 1992, at his home in Harlan, at age 81 years, 9 months and 7 days.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Mildred; one great-granddaughter, Jennifer Battern; and one sister, Genevieve Bower. Survivors include his second wife, Marjorie; two sons, Don (Helen) of Des Moines; and Darrell (Donna) of Lake Ozark, MO.; two daughters, Doris (Bob) Battern and Mary (Clarence) Morgan, all of Eldon, MO.; one stepson, Lonnie Howard of Los Angeles, CA.; and two stepdaughters, Linnea (Mike) Murphy of Lewis; and Lorain (Larry) Smith of Anita; one brother, Kenneth of Waverly and two sisters, Maxine North of Lakewood, CO., and Louise Loomis of Pompano Beach, FL.; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; seven step-grandchildren; and 7 step-great-grandchildren.

Services were held March 30, 1992 at Burmeister Funeral Home with the Rev. Don Schoepf of the First Christian Church in Harlan, officiating. Honorary casketbearers were F.M. Petersen, Waldo Johansen, Warren Grummert, Melvin Sopher, Jerry Summers, and Gerald McCord. Active casketbearers were John Snyder, Tom Williams, Dan McNerney, David McNerney, Brent Smith, John Battern, Jordie Harrell, Michael Morgan, and Chris Morgan. Burial was at the Coin cemetery.