

Arthur E. Nielsen, 85

HARLAN - Arthur E. Nielsen, the son of Charles and Emma (Johnsen) Nielsen was born April 10, 1904, at Harlan. He died Feb. 17, 1990 at the Ennoble Manor in Dubuque at age 85 years, 10 months and seven days. He attended school in Harlan, graduating in the class of 1922. He then became employed at the Post Office in Harlan.

April 6, 1939, he married Lella Branstetter in the Chapel of First United Methodist Church in Harlan. One daughter was born to this union. After their marriage, they made their home in Harlan where he was a mail carrier, clerk and then assistant postmaster until 1969, when he retired from the Postal Department. He enjoyed playing in the Harlan Municipal Band, and in several other musical groups where they played for several occasions including wedding dances. After the death of Lella on May 17, 1978, he continued to make his home in Harlan. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Harlan; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge # 267, the Masons, Parian Lodge # 321, A.F. & A.M., all of Harlan, and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, George. He is survived by his daughter, Joyce (Mrs Del) Johnson of Dubuque; two grandchildren, Michael Johnson of Norfolk, VA., and Curtis Johnson of Ames and a great-granddaughter; a brother, Edward Nielsen of Storm Lake and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Feb. 21, 1990 at Pauley Funeral Home with Pastor D. Stephen Clinton of First United Methodist Church in Harlan, officiating. Burial was in Harlan cemetery with Don Raber, Jim Sander, Alf Schomers, Warren Chaffey, Gilbert Hoogensen and Verner M. Schmitz serving as casketbearers. Pauley Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.