

Edson H. Smit, 84

Edson Harry Smith, son of Louis and Jane (Malloy) Smit was born on Sept. 9, 1902 in Mason City, NE. As a small boy, he moved with his parents to Cedar Bluff, NE. He attended school in Cedar Bluff and graduated from the Cedar Bluff high school. During high school, he worked in a meat locker, and learned to be a butcher.

On Sept. 27, 1928, he married Capitola Spiker in Blair, NE. One daughter was born to this union. They resided in Omaha, NE., where he worked for Steaks, International. He retired in 1968 and in 1970, moved to Mesa, AZ., and this has been their home since that time. He died in Mesa, AZ., on Jan. 14, 1987 at age 84 years, four months and five days. He was a member of the Occidental Lodge, No. 215, A.F. and A.M. of Cedar Bluff, NE. He was the Worthy Master in 1930 and in 1983, received his 60 year pin. He was also a member of the Meat Cutters Union, Local No. 271, Omaha, NE.

He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Capitola of Mesa, AZ.; one daughter, Donna (Mrs Alfred) Olson of Harlan; three grandchildren; two great grandchildren; nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Jan. 19, 1987 at the Pauley funeral Home in Harlan. The Parian Lodge, No. 321, A.F. & A.M. of Harlan was in charge of the services. Burial was in the Harlan cemetery, Harlan.

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